



Resolution: 22-23 Resolution II: Recognizing Student Reaction to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization (2022)* Decision

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, The United States Supreme Court ruled on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which dealt with the constitutionality of a Mississippi law that prohibited abortions after 15 gestational weeks, clashing with the prior Supreme Court decisions *Roe vs. Wade (1973)* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)*; and

WHEREAS, *Roe v. Wade (1973)* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)* gave women the right to an abortion with federal and constitutional protection albeit with limitations; and

WHEREAS, *Dobbs (2022)* overturned the precedent set by *Roe (1973)* and *Casey (1992)*, giving states total power to regulate abortions not preempted by federal law, therefore removing the federal and constitutional protection of the right of abortion; and

WHEREAS, Florida State House and Senate debated and passed the Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act, prohibiting abortions after 15 gestational weeks in Florida, signed into law by Governor Ron Desantis on April 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act is currently being appealed and processed in the Florida State Supreme Court, challenging the constitutionality of said bill with regard to Florida state constitution protection of the right to privacy, although the law is still in effect.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The University of West Florida Student Government Association recognizes the political, social, and economic impact of the *Dobbs (2022)* decision and the social and emotional impact of the current court proceedings in the State of Florida.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the University of West Florida Student Government Association stands with those who are being affected by the proceedings and stands with those who are suffering and distressed by the uncertainty of the Florida court advancements.

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