

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

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A RESOLUTION to express support of efforts to ensure that women have access to a full range of contraception.

WHEREAS, contraception is a form of basic healthcare for women and, as such, should be covered as a preventive health service; and

WHEREAS, the right of all individuals to make their own healthcare decisions regarding contraception is protected by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the decision to use or not use contraception is inherently personal, not political; and

WHEREAS, the denial of contraceptive coverage is a form of discrimination against women; and

WHEREAS, covering contraception does not raise healthcare costs, but instead, reduces the burden on State-provided social services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby support efforts to ensure that women have access to a full range of contraception, including intrauterine devices and emergency contraception, and to preventive services and medically accurate information necessary to make healthcare decisions, alone or in consultation with individuals of their choosing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body does not view any amendment to the Constitution of the State of Tennessee as allowing the legislature the power to enact restrictions on contraceptives, including intrauterine devices and emergency contraception, or enact

restrictions on a woman's right to choose the contraceptive best suited for her individual medical needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.