

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD
COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2020-080

**OPPOSING S-3030/A-4848
“New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act”**

Whereas, the New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act was introduced in the Senate on October 8, 2020, as S-3030, and in the Assembly on October 20, 2020, as A-4848.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 will make New Jersey a destination for “medical tourism”, promote human trafficking, and create an unreasonable financial burden on New Jersey taxpayers by explicitly guaranteeing, to every individual, the fundamental right to “reproductive autonomy”, which includes “the right to contraception, the right to abortion and the right to carry a pregnancy to term.” The bill will apply to all residents “and those who come to this state” including those who are incarcerated or present in the state illegally.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 will permit all abortions, including late term abortions, throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 enshrines in law that living babies in the womb capable of feeling pain have no rights at any stage of pregnancy, even if they are viable and at full term. The bill specifically states that “a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus shall not have independent rights under the laws of this state.”

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 invalidates existing laws and prohibits the future adoption of all laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, resolutions, policies, standards or parts thereof, that conflict with the provisions of the bill.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 removes medical community oversight by expressly invalidating all rules and regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners which regulate and apply exclusively to termination of pregnancy.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 restricts individual freedom of choice by invalidating New Jersey’s conscience clause which has been in effect since 1974 which protects the right of individuals to refuse to perform or assist in abortion procedures.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 puts women in danger by permitting non-physicians to perform abortions.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 voids the New Jersey Safe Haven Infant Protection Act by exempting from prosecution individuals charged with “terminating or attempting to terminate the individual’s own pregnancy; or acting or failing to act in any manner, with respect to the individual’s own pregnancy, based upon the potential or actual impact on the individual’s own health or pregnancy.” The bill “eliminates the requirement that a medicolegal death investigation be conducted in a case where a fetal death occurs without

medical attendance.” Such language grants immunity from prosecution for cases, including, but not limited to the Prom Mom, where infants have been born alive and left to die, or through a deliberate act, are killed.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 imposes an undue financial burden on taxpayers by mandating an annual allocation of taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood, a private entity, under Title X in the state budget.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 will impose higher premiums on health care for state residents by requiring all insurance carriers to provide coverage for abortions and expands coverage for contraceptives to a long term (12 month) supply.

Whereas, S-3030/A-4848 gives the state the power to define what is or isn't a “religion” by requiring “religious employers” to request an exclusion from abortion-related health care coverage, if the required coverage conflicts with the religious employer's “religious beliefs and practices” as determined by the state.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Frankford Township Committee, go on record in opposition to S-3030/A-4848, and urge the New Jersey Legislature to oppose this legislation.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to the 24th District Legislators, the Governor, the Board of County Commissioners of Sussex County, and to the officers of the State Senate and the General Assembly.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Frankford, In the County of Sussex, New Jersey, at a meeting held on November 24, 2020.

Lori Nienstedt, Administrator
Acting Municipal Clerk