

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2022-44**

**ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS'
INTENTION NOT TO PRIORITIZE ENFORCEMENT OF
STATE LAWS THAT CRIMINALIZE ABORTION**

WHEREAS, Council for the Village of Yellow Springs opposes the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision issued by the United States Supreme Court and the related laws and policies put into place by the State of Ohio on the grounds that they represent a misguided and fundamentally unsound attempt to end abortion; and,

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that criminalizing women's reproductive rights, including abortions, is untenable and in many cases unenforceable and violates women's human and civil rights; and,

WHEREAS, Council condemns the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision and all existing and future Ohio state legislation that may result in fining and jailing women and doctors for the perceived notion of having or even discussing abortions; and,

WHEREAS, The Yellow Springs Police Department may be called upon to carry out state laws criminalizing abortion services; and,

WHEREAS, Our Guidelines for Village Policing explicitly require that our officers: "protect human rights and civil liberties. That means proactively working to be fair and impartial - particularly in light of the history of institutional racism and discrimination based on gender, sexuality, class, ability, age, and other injustices in our country and in our community". Council believes non-prioritization of fundamentally misogynistic and punitive laws is in keeping with this mission; and

WHEREAS, Council is strongly committed to the long-term and difficult work of building an actively anti-racist community that works to support all of our residents particularly those whose voices are less often heard; and,

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that the state laws passed to criminalize women's reproductive rights are part of a Republican strategy to legislate away abortion by fiat, without doing the essential work of democracy and will therefore be effective at nothing but alienating and threatening huge segments of society, particularly low-income women of color; and,

WHEREAS, Council believes that the state of Ohio instead needs to take a fundamentally different approach, one that protects women and families, and specifically grants women the voice, dignity, and respect they deserve,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS. OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Council hereby declares its strong opposition to the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision and associated state of Ohio laws and policies.

Section 2. Village Council intends, to the fullest of its ability, to protect Village residents from specious overreaches of state power resulting from the ruling, and to prioritize Village resources for activities that improve the lives of our residents by de-prioritizing enforcement of these laws.

Brian Housh, President of Council

PASSED: 7-5-2022

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL:

Brian Housh __Y__ Kevin Stokes __Y__ Marianne MacQueen __Y__

Carmen Brown __Y__ Gavin DeVore Leonard __Y__