

Proposed ADP Resolution in Support of Women's Reproductive Rights

Whereas, On August 3, 2017, the leadership at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) indicated they were open to supporting congressional candidates who oppose abortion rights as an electoral strategy; and

Whereas, The Arizona Democratic Party (ADP) believes that protecting women's reproductive rights, including access to abortion and contraceptive coverage, is non-negotiable; the *ADP Platform* is articulate in its statement of reproductive rights;* and the Democratic Party should not yield on women's reproductive rights to those who oppose or seek to overturn all abortion rights as a strategy to win elections; and

Whereas, Supporting reproductive rights is part and parcel of expanding opportunity for women and their families as well as fundamental to their freedom, economic security, health, and well-being; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Arizona Democratic Party stands with organizations such as Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and Emily's List that unapologetically support women, their access to abortion and contraceptive care, and the right to choose what is best for themselves and their family; and

Resolved, That the Arizona Democratic Party, its caucuses, clubs, and affiliated groups will not support any candidate that does not unequivocally support women's reproductive rights.

* *ADP Platform* approved January, 2016

"Reproductive Rights: Arizona Democrats strongly and unequivocally support *Roe v. Wade* and a woman's right to make decisions regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay. Abortion is an intensely personal decision; there is no place for politicians or government to get in the way. We also recognize that health care and education help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and thereby also reduce the need for abortions. We strongly and unequivocally support a woman's decision to have a child by providing affordable health care and ensuring the availability of and access to programs that help women during pregnancy and after the birth of a child, including caring adoption programs."

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