



Legislation Text

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION affirming the City of Seattle’s support of Planned Parenthood and recognizing its vital role in providing health care.

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the International Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to medical care; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands, an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (Planned Parenthood), is a non-profit organization providing medical care for women, men, and communities in the City of Seattle and throughout the Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood offers cancer screenings, pregnancy testing and counseling, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, comprehensive sexual education, preventive health care services, birth control for men and women, emergency contraception, and abortion services; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood offers guidance and counseling on relationships, consent, body image, and other general health issues; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood provides resources for families on a variety of issues that impact children, families, and young adults, including sexual health education resources; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood serves more than 100,000 women and men in Washington State a year, including thousands of teenagers, people with limited income, and people in personal crisis; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been under attack by anti-women’s health hardliners in recent months due to a series of manipulated and misleading videos released by an anti-choice organization, immediately seized upon and repeated by some policymakers; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been the subject of numerous politically-motivated and misguided investigations across a number of states as a result of those attacks; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood locations in California and Washington have been targeted by arsonists within the last several months; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood patients and staff members have been subjected to harassment, threats, and protests with increasing regularity,

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a trusted health care provider for one in five women in the United States and provides crucial health care services to people across the country and in Seattle; NOW,

THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR  
CONCURRING, THAT:**

Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) expresses its gratitude to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands for providing health care to millions of people annually, including teenagers, people with limited-income, and other vulnerable populations. Furthermore, the City reaffirms its support for Planned Parenthood health centers in Seattle and elsewhere carrying out their mission to safeguard and provide access to a fundamental human right.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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