RESOLUTION NO. 17-4932

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF SB 309 (JACKSON), TO CREATE A REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, women's health and reproductive rights are under attack like never before, with President Trump's administration and anti-choice members of Congress threatening to cut off federal funds to clinics that provide abortion care; and

WHEREAS, the Republican proposal to replace the Affordable Care Act would bar people from using federal tax credits to buy health insurance plans that cover abortion; and

WHEREAS, the federal government pays for 90% of family planning costs in California's family planning clinics and these clinics could lose much of their funding if the federal government approves proposed changes to Medicaid and Title X, which would be a devastating blow to hundreds of clinics around California and the millions of low-income patients they serve; and

WHEREAS, SB 309 (Jackson) requires the State Department of Health Care Services to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to sponsor a reproductive freedom license plate program; and

WHEREAS, the funds from the license plate program will go to the Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (FPACT) program, which provides family planning services to 1.8 million low-income Californians every year; and

WHEREAS, the license plate program is a symbol of California's belief in an equal society and a commitment to support high quality and accessible family planning clinics in our community; and

WHEREAS, as the first "pro-choice" city in the nation the City of West Hollywood is committed to protecting women's health and wellness and has a long record of advocacy for and protection of women's reproductive rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood supports SB 309 (Jackson), to create a Reproductive Freedom License Plate program.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 3rd day of April, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmember:

D'Amico, Duran, Horvath, Mayor Pro

Tempore Heilman, and Mayor Meister.

NOES:

Councilmember:

er: None. er: None.

ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Councilmember:

None.

LAUREN MEISTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK