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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ***11***

A RESOLUTION condemning medically unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion.

SPONSORS: Rep. Simpson, Rock. 33; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 37; Rep. Toll, Ches. 15; Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12; Rep. Lloyd, Hills. 8; Rep. Newell, Ches. 4; Rep. Turer, Rock. 6; Rep. Manos, Rock. 12; Rep. O'Neil, Rock. 29; Rep. Ming, Hills. 35; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This resolution condemns medically unnecessary restrictions on medication abortion.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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1 Whereas, abortion is a critical component of comprehensive reproductive health care, and access
2 to abortion allows people to make decisions about their families and their lives; and

3 Whereas, in 1997 the bipartisan legislature of the state of New Hampshire repealed an
4 unenforced 1955 abortion ban to ensure access to essential abortion care in this state; and

5 Whereas, the legislature of the state of New Hampshire has recognized the importance of access
6 to mifepristone since 1991, when New Hampshire was the first state in the nation to adopt a state
7 resolution urging the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to allow clinical trials of mifepristone in
8 medication abortions; and

9 Whereas, abortion is safe, essential health care, and access to abortion, including medication
10 abortion, is central to people's ability to participate equally in economic and social life in New
11 Hampshire and across the country; and

12 Whereas, access to medication abortion specifically is essential to protecting an individual's
13 freedom to control their own body, life, and future; and

14 Whereas, the drug mifepristone is a safe, effective, and common medication that has been used
15 by more than five million people in the United States since it was approved under the Federal Food,
16 Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) over two decades ago; and

17 Whereas, mifepristone has allowed patients to make their own private medical decisions, and
18 expanded access to reproductive health care; and

19 Whereas, there is overwhelming evidence that medication abortion is safe and effective for
20 virtually anyone who wants to end an early pregnancy, with a safety record of over 99 percent; and

21 Whereas, major medical organizations, including the American Medical Association, the
22 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, the
23 American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society, and
24 the American Society for Reproductive Medicine support the safety, efficacy, and importance of
25 access to mifepristone; and

26 Whereas, medication abortion accounts for more than half of all abortions obtained in the United
27 States and more than 4,000,000 women in the country have used mifepristone to end a pregnancy
28 since 2000; and

29 Whereas, for many people seeking abortion, access to medication abortion is not a preference, it
30 is critical for their access to care, including survivors of rape or domestic abuse, for whom medication
31 abortion may be the only way they can terminate a pregnancy without risking detection and further
32 abuse; and

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1 Whereas, medication abortion may also be medically indicated for women who have certain
2 uterine anomalies or large uterine fibroids; and

3 Whereas, medication abortion can be a key tool in making health care more equitable, by
4 bringing abortion access to those who need it most; and

5 Whereas, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas and United States
6 Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit decisions in Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine et al. v. U.S.
7 Food and Drug Administration et al. are ongoing examples of the weaponization of our country's
8 federal court system to advance the anti-abortion movement's end goal of banning abortion
9 nationwide; and

10 Whereas, although the courts' decisions are currently stayed, the Alliance for Hippocratic
11 Medicine et al. v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration et al. case highlights the importance of state
12 protections for abortion access; and

13 Whereas, this resolution is intended to reiterate the importance of access to medication abortion,
14 and the ability of all people to make personal, private health care decisions about their own bodies,
15 lives, and futures; now, therefore, be it

16 Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

17 That the legislature of the state of New Hampshire condemns all medically unnecessary
18 restrictions on access to mifepristone; and

19 That the legislature of the state of New Hampshire resolves to protect the interests of the state
20 and all Granite Staters by taking action to protect and expand access to medication abortion; and

21 That the house clerk and senate clerk each transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of
22 the United States Senate, United States Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the United States
23 House of Representatives, the governor of New Hampshire, the attorney general of New Hampshire
24 and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.