

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 -116

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT 4, A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING ABORTION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida (“Board”), has been made aware of Amendment 4, a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that is scheduled to appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4, titled as “Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion”, would amend the Florida Constitution by adding the following underlined text to the Constitution: Limiting government interference with abortion.— Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient’s health, as determined by the patient’s healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would provide a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability (estimated to be around 24 weeks gestational age) or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, I believe that the language of the proposed amendment is vague, deceptive, and overbroad, and would strike already enacted protections instituted by the State of Florida by broadening the definition of healthcare providers to those not medically licensed, eliminating parental consent for minors, and allowing the life of the unborn to be taken right up to the moment of birth; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the passage of Amendment 4 would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Collier County and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, expresses its strong opposition to Amendment 4.

ADOPTED upon majority vote this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

ATTEST:  
Crystal K. Kinzel, Clerk of Courts

By: Crystal K. Kinzel  
Attest as to Chairman's  
Deputy Clerk  
signature only

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Chris Hall  
Chris Hall, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:

Jeffrey A. Klatzkow  
Jeffrey A. Klatzkow, County Attorney