

## **Support for Medicaid Coverage of Abortion**

### Forsyth County Democratic Party Precinct 43

Whereas 1 in 4 women will have an abortion by the age of 45, according to the Guttmacher Institute

Whereas more than half of women seeking abortion are already mothers

Whereas the cost for an abortion can range from \$500 to \$2k and is frequently cost prohibitive, especially for people who are younger, earn less, or are otherwise vulnerable

Whereas 75% of abortion patients in 2014 were “poor or low-income” according to the Guttmacher Institute

Whereas the [2018 Turnaway Study](#) found that because many women are already experiencing economic hardships at the time they seek an abortion, if they are denied one, they are three times more likely of being unemployed than women who are able to access an abortion.

Whereas the same study found that children born to women who were denied an abortion were more likely to live below the poverty line, less likely to meet developmental milestones, and less likely to have access to sufficient food, housing, and transportation and mothers of these children were more likely to report poor maternal bonding — feeling trapped as a mother, resenting their baby

Whereas abortion coverage is covered by Medicaid in 16 states despite of and in compliance with the federal Hyde Amendment, which currently prohibits federal funds for abortion.

Whereas the General Assembly is poised to expand Medicaid to all North Carolinians earning less than 138% the federal poverty level.

Whereas abortion is healthcare

Whereas abortion is a human right

Be it resolved we call on Governor Cooper and the General Assembly to legislate that Medicaid include abortion services for its recipients