

**CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATIC PARTY**  
**Resolution to**  
**Respect and Protect Women’s Reproductive Rights**

Whereas, *Griswold v. Connecticut* laid the foundation for future court decisions regarding the application of the right to privacy to reproductive rights; and

Whereas, Connecticut Democrats have led the charge in support of women’s rights and reproductive rights on a state and federal level; and

Whereas, our elected officials on a state and federal level have been leading voices in the fight to push back on any Republican attempt to curtail reproductive rights; and

Whereas, Gov. Malloy has committed to fully fund Medicaid reimbursements to Connecticut Planned Parenthood in the event that Congress defunds Planned Parenthood as part of the changes made to the Affordable Care Act; and

Whereas, many states have have taken action to place unnecessary burdens on abortion providers; and

Whereas, while Members of Congress have led efforts to defund Planned Parenthood and cut federal funds for contraception, prenatal care, and STD treatment and prevention, Connecticut’s Congressional Delegation has been unified in opposition to these measures; and

Whereas, the Connecticut legislature, led by Democrats, has been in the vanguard in enacting landmark legislation, such as:

- Legislation to require health insurers to cover contraceptives for women;
- Legislation declaring affirmative protection of a woman’s right to choose an abortion;
- Legislation to provide compassionate care for rape victims, which requires emergency rooms in Connecticut to offer and provide rape victims with emergency contraception in the emergency department at which they arrive; and

Whereas, the January 21, 2017 Women’s March on Washington was an incredible symbol of citizenship and civic engagement in response to the 2016 elections, engaging tens of thousands of Connecticut residents in local and regional and national events; and

Whereas, one of the goals of Women’s March activists is to use the political process to create change reflecting the intersectional feminist agenda of the March on Washington; and

Whereas, the largest increase in activism and political awareness since the 2016 elections belongs to women and has seen the creation of dozens of new organizations seeking to affect our political system and bring about real and progressive change; and

Whereas, the Democratic National Platform states that “Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should have access to quality reproductive health care

services, including safe and legal abortion—regardless of where she lives, how much money she makes, or how she is insured”; and

Whereas, the Connecticut Democratic Platform states that “we commit to the continued protection of the right of choice for all women as guaranteed by law.”

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Connecticut Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to uphold equal rights for women and a woman's right to access safe and legal abortion, and strongly encourages party leaders across our state to recruit and endorse candidates who support a woman's right to choose; and

Let it further be resolved that the Connecticut Democratic Party commits to growing its women's caucus, whose mission is to advance women in our party, increase the numbers of Democratic women in elected office, and bring the party's attention to issues concerning women.