

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, truthful information is essential for making responsible decisions; and

WHEREAS, one of the basic components of women's healthcare necessarily includes contraception as it improves maternal and child health outcomes by allowing women to plan for the number and spacing of children that is best for her family and by reducing unintended pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to prevent an unintended pregnancy is to improve access to safe, affordable and effective contraceptive methods and to provide medically accurate information about how to use such methods; and

WHEREAS, support for information and services that increase health and wellness makes common sense:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby work together to help women, regardless of income, avoid unintended pregnancy through access to affordable, FDA-approved contraception, including emergency contraception; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the members of the Missouri Senate, 94th General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, support programs and policies that make it easier for women to obtain FDA-approved contraceptives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the members of the Missouri Senate, 94th General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, encourage all public schools to ensure that students receive appropriate, reproductive and sexual health education that includes the latest medically factual information regarding the health benefits and possible side effects of all forms of contraception, as well as the success and failure rates for prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and for each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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