Reproductive Rights Resolution
Submitted to the 2022 UPTE-CWA Local 9119 Convention

Whereas autonomy over one’s body is a defining feature of one’s right to privacy and for control over one’s life; and

Whereas the Supreme Court’s 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade granted pregnant people the right to control the outcomes of their pregnancies; and

Whereas Roe established a right to access safe abortion services should one choose to do so; and

Whereas 50 years of abortion access have reduced dangerous abortions, infant mortality, and allowed more equitable access to medical services, reducing income- and race-related health disparities; and

Whereas the right to reproductive choice has led to the increased mental and physical health of pregnant people as well as greater access to career choices, financial stability, and family planning options; and

Whereas the recent Supreme Court’s 2022 decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization repealed an individual’s right to make family planning, medical, mental health, financial, and other decisions; and

Whereas the Dobbs decision will most significantly affect poor and non-white people who will be less able to obtain reproductive services; and

Whereas the Dobbs decision has dangerous forebodings for the conservative, misogynistic, racist Supreme Court majority’s willingness to seize other established rights, including (but certainly not limited to) same-sex and interracial marriages;

Therefore, be it resolved that the 2022 UPTE-CWA Local 9119 convention condemns the Supreme Court’s Dobbs decision as an attack on pregnant people, people of color, poor people, and the working class; and

Be it further resolved that UPTE will work to codify the right to affordable, safe, and accessible reproductive health services in all of our contracts and will work with our employers to provide such services for non-exclusively represented employees as well; and

Be it further resolved that UPTE will work with our union coalition partners and other appropriate groups to achieve and preserve the strongest reproductive rights possible; and
Be it finally resolved that UPTE will forward this resolution to CWA District 9, to the CWA Public, Healthcare, and Education Workers sector, to the CWA National Executive Board, to our local AFL-CIO central labor councils, and to the national AFL-CIO for their consideration.

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