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Advocates Celebrate the Signing of the Reproductive Health Act

Joint statement from ACLU of Michigan, Planned Parenthood of Michigan, Michigan Voices, Progress Michigan, Reproductive Freedom for All Michigan, Northland Family Planning Clinics, Reclaim, Michigan People's Campaign, Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (MOASH), LGBT Detroit Mobilization/LGBT Michigan, Our Own Wall Street, Michigan Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Emergent Justice, Detroit Action, Detroit Change Initiative, YWCA Kalamazoo, Michigan Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, The Michigan Chamber for Reproductive Justice, American Association of University Women of Michigan, National Organization for Women of Michigan, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health, Scotsdale Women's Center, Health, Equity & Justice in Medicine Initiative, Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network, We The People Action Fund, Jews For A Secular Democracy, Distill Social, Fems for Democracy, Michigan League for Public Policy, and the United Church of Christ Detroit Area Social Justice Team, League of Women Voters of Michigan

LANSING, MI – Today, surrounded by supporters of abortion rights, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed the Reproductive Health Act (RHA) into law, ensuring that abortion access is expanded for Michiganders across the state.

Below is a statement from Michigan abortion rights advocates following the Governor's signing of the RHA:

“A year after Michiganders made their voices heard and voted for Proposal 3 to protect abortion access in the state, Governor Gretchen Whitmer has signed the Reproductive Health Act into law to continue to expand access to care.

This legislation removes several medically unnecessary restrictions and barriers Michiganders face in accessing abortion care. By ensuring that those seeking and those providing this care are not criminalized and removing unnecessary rules that shut down abortion clinics, we’re moving closer to a Michigan where people have the freedom to make the best decisions for their health, lives, and families.

We applaud Governor Whitmer and the legislators who brought these bills to her desk for making access to abortion care a priority this session and for continuing to be champions for abortion access for Michiganders.

While we celebrate this victory for reproductive health today, we also know that our work is far from done. We will continue to fight so that all Michiganders have access to reproductive care and the freedom to control their futures.”

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