

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 HOUSE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution strongly opposing the federal
8 Freedom of Choice Act; and directing distribution.
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11 WHEREAS, Barack Obama, President of the United States, has
12 promised that one of the top priorities of his new Administration is
13 to sign into law the "Freedom of Choice Act" which purports to
14 classify abortion as a fundamental right equal in stature to the
15 right to free speech and the right to vote, rights that, unlike
16 abortion, are specifically enumerated in the United States
17 Constitution; and

18 WHEREAS, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would invalidate any
19 statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision,
20 policy, practice, or other action of any federal, state, or local
21 government or governmental official that would deny or interfere
22 with a woman's right to choose abortion, or that would discriminate
23 against the exercise of the right in the regulation or provision of
24 benefits, facilities, services, or information; and

1 WHEREAS, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would nullify any
2 federal or state law enacted, adopted, or implemented before, on, or
3 after the date of its enactment and would effectively prevent the
4 State of Oklahoma from enacting similar protective measures in the
5 future; and

6 WHEREAS, the federal Freedom of Choice Act would invalidate more
7 than 550 federal and state abortion-related laws, laws supported by
8 the majority of the American public; and

9 WHEREAS, the Freedom of Choice Act will not make abortion safe
10 or rare, but will instead actively promote and subsidize abortion
11 with state and federal tax dollars and do nothing to ensure its
12 safety; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal Freedom of Choice Act will protect and
14 promote the abortion industry, sacrifice women and their health to a
15 radical political ideology of unregulated abortion-on-demand, and
16 silence the voices of everyday Americans who want to engage in a
17 meaningful public discussion and debate over the availability,
18 safety, and even desirability of abortion.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

21 THAT the Legislature strongly opposes the federal Freedom of
22 Choice Act and urges United States Congress to summarily reject it.

23 THAT the Legislature strongly opposes the federal Freedom of
24 Choice Act because it seeks to circumvent the states' general

1 legislative authority as guaranteed by the Tenth Amendment to the
2 U.S. Constitution.

3 THAT the Legislature strongly opposes the federal Freedom of
4 Choice Act because it seeks to undermine the right and
5 responsibility of the states and the people to debate, vote on, and
6 determine abortion policy.

7 THAT the Legislature strongly opposes the federal Freedom of
8 Choice Act because the protection of women's health through state
9 regulations on abortion is a compelling state interest that should
10 not be nullified by Congress.

11 THAT the Legislature strongly opposes the federal Freedom of
12 Choice Act because its enactment would nullify laws in the State of
13 Oklahoma, laws that the Legislature and the people of Oklahoma
14 strongly support.

15 THAT the Secretary of State of Oklahoma transmit a copy of this
16 resolution to the Governor, to the President of the United States,
17 and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
18 Representatives of the United States Congress.

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