

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2024 –

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT 4, A
PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CONCERNING
ABORTION.**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida ("Board"), has been made aware of Amendment 4, a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution that is scheduled to appear on the November 5, 2024, ballot; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4, titled as "Amendment to Limit Government interference with Abortion", would amend the Florida Constitution by adding the following underlined text: Limiting government interference with abortion - Except as provided in Article X, Section 22, no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would provide a constitutional right to abortion while providing no definitions for "viability", "healthcare professional", and replaces parental consent with "notification"; and

WHEREAS, no definitive determination as to whether the cost of exercising this proposal "right" would be placed upon the taxpayers of the State of Florida"; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the language of the proposed amendment is vague, deceptive, and overbroad and would strike already enacted protections instituted by the State of Florida by broadening the definition of healthcare providers to those not medically licensed, and allowing the life of the unborn to be taken right up to the moment of birth; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that the passage of Amendment 4 would be detrimental to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Hernando County and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners expresses its strong opposition to Amendment 4.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 22nd day of October 2024, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest:

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