

**RESOLUTION NO. R-09-2022**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
ON ABORTION CRIMINALIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Institute of Reproductive Health, one in four women in the United States will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, several states have worked to enact restrictions to abortion access, causing widespread clinic closure and significant barriers to accessing abortion care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia General Assembly passed an anti-abortion law (HB 481) which was signed into law in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court announced its historic decision to reverse Roe v. Wade, declaring that the federal constitutional right to abortion, upheld for nearly a half century, no longer exists; and

**WHEREAS**, following the overturning of Roe, on July 20th, 2022, the Eleventh District Court of Appeals ruled to allow HB 481 to go into effect, banning most abortions after fetal cardiac activity is detected and redefining person to include an embryo and fetus; and

**WHEREAS**, limiting access to abortions and abortion care has disproportionately harmed people with low incomes, immigrants, young people, and people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

**WHEREAS**, several states, including the state of Georgia have severely restricted abortion access; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pine Lake supports an individual's right to choose and opposes the use of any City resources to record and or investigate reports of abortion care; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to privacy should protect healthcare providers, patients, and all others involved with medical treatment from any criminal investigation related to decisions made within the provider-patient relationship, including abortion, as long as those decisions occur without coercion, force, or negligence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pine Lake City Council does not believe that abortion investigation, enforcement or prosecution is a priority for the public health, safety and welfare of those within the City of Pine Lake,

**WHEREAS**, the Pine Lake City Council has a responsibility to protect its residents from any violation of their human rights and any criminalization of the free exercise thereof, and supports its residents' rights to make reproductive health decisions for themselves, including abortion care;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PINE LAKE, GEORGIA** that the CITY OF PINE LAKE funds shall not be used to record and/or investigate reports of abortion care and the PINE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT is requested not to investigate reports of abortion related care.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in accordance with this Resolution, that except to the extent otherwise required by state or federal law, no member of the PINE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT or other person acting on behalf of the PINE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT and/or the CITY OF PINE LAKE shall:

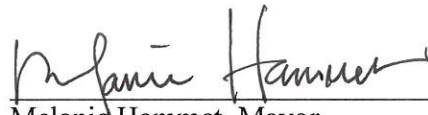
1. Store or catalog any report of an abortion, miscarriage, or other reproductive act;
2. Provide information to any other governmental body or agency about any abortion, miscarriage, or other reproductive healthcare act, unless such information is provided to defend a patient's ability to access abortion care or a healthcare provider's ability to provide abortion care;

3. Investigate, make any arrest, or file any criminal complaint against any person accused of facilitating, providing, or receiving abortion care;
4. Cooperate with any other officer, agent, agency, or department that is investigating a person accused of facilitating, providing, or receiving abortion care;
5. Be the affiant for any affidavit in support of a search warrant related to an investigation of a person accused of facilitating, providing, or receiving abortion care; or
6. Participate in any prosecution in which a person is accused of facilitating, providing, or receiving abortion care; or
7. Conduct surveillance or collect data or other information related to any individual, organization, location vehicle, action, financial record, or internet activity for the purpose of determining whether an abortion has occurred, except for the collection of aggregated data without personally identifying information or personal health information for purposes unrelated to criminal investigation, enforcement, or prosecution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is the intention of the PINE LAKE CITY COUNCIL that this the terms of this resolution does not apply in cases where coercion or force is used against the pregnant person, or in cases involving conduct criminally negligent to the health of the pregnant person seeking care, or in cases where the abortion, miscarriage, or reproductive healthcare is not the act being criminally investigated but as evidence of another act, such as sexual abuse.

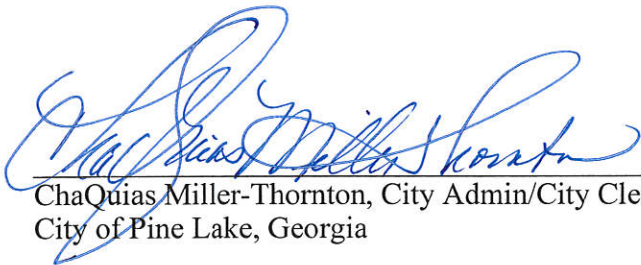
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pine Lake, this 30th day of August, 2022.



Melanie Hammet, Mayor  
City of Pine Lake, Georgia

ATTEST:



ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Admin/City Clerk  
City of Pine Lake, Georgia