



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Concurrent Resolution 602

Introduced by: **Senator Bolin**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Affirming the Legislature's support of the United**
 2 **States Supreme Court decision of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health**
 3 **Organization.**

4 WHEREAS, in January 1973, the United States Supreme Court decided the case of Roe v.
 5 Wade, which declared many state laws regulating and prohibiting abortion to be
 6 unconstitutional; and

7 WHEREAS, in his dissenting opinion, Associate Justice Bryon White called this decision,
 8 "an exercise in raw judicial power"; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1973 to 2022, this decision allowed for the legal ending of the life of
 10 thousands of pre-born people in this state; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2021, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case of Dobbs v. Jackson
 12 Women's Health Organization, a case involving laws restricting abortion in the state of
 13 Mississippi; and

14 WHEREAS, in June 2022, the Supreme Court ruled in the Dobbs case that Roe vs. Wade
 15 was "egregiously wrong from the start," thus allowing elected officials and the populace in
 16 each state to decide this issue; and

17 WHEREAS, Associate Justices Alito, Thomas, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Barrett voted to
 18 overturn the rulings of Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, restoring to the people
 19 of South Dakota and its elected officials the ability to limit abortion as our laws provide;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of
 21 the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
 22 Legislature endorses and supports the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Dobbs v.
 23 Jackson Women's Health Organization, thus restoring to the individual states the ability to
 24 decide this question of public interest as it was prior to the decision in Roe v. Wade.