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REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

WHEREAS Jewish law does not permit abortion on demand, yet does not categorically or universally oppose the termination of certain pregnancies, and

WHEREAS the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has affirmed the right of a woman to choose an abortion in cases where continuation of a pregnancy might cause the mother severe physical or psychological harm, or when the fetus is judged by competent medical opinion as severely defective, and

WHEREAS the Rabbinical Assembly has urged courts, parliaments and legislatures in State, Provincial and Federal governments in the United States and Canada to preserve women's legal access to abortion services,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rabbinical Assembly, in Convention assembled, commends President Clinton for his removal of the "Gag Order" on federally funded family planning agencies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rabbinical Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to pass the "Freedom of Choice Act," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rabbinical Assembly urge its courts and legislatures on all levels of government in the United States and Canada to remove legal impediments to women's free exercise of reproductive freedom, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rabbinical Assembly urge local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to take measures to insure the safety and physical well-being of doctors and other health care professionals who work with family planning agencies and clinics.