

RESOLUTION

Subject: Reproductive Health
Submitted by: Lexington Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, comprehensive reproductive health is necessary for the well-being of all women; and

WHEREAS, out of ranked states Kentucky has the 3th highest maternal mortality rate and Kentucky's Maternal Mortality Review has deemed 91% of maternal mortality cases are preventable^{1,2}; and

WHEREAS, the risk of death is 14 times higher with pregnancy than abortion³; and

WHEREAS, black women are at increased risk of adverse outcomes and maternal death nationally and in Kentucky^{1,3,5}; and

WHEREAS, women, in particular black women, are at risk for adverse pregnancy outcomes associated with restrictive abortion policies^{6,7}; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky statute 311.772 makes it a crime to provide comprehensive reproductive health options to a woman; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA supports comprehensive reproductive healthcare for women, including the opportunity to choose a medical or surgical abortion; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA opposes criminalization of any appropriate medical care provided by a physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA opposes racial disparity in health care.

References:

1 Annual Report 2021, Public Health Maternal Mortality Review;
<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/Documents/MMRAnnualReport.pdf>

2 America's Health Rankings analysis of Federally Available Data, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, United Health Foundation, AmericasHealthRankings.org, accessed 2023.