

2024-061 A resolution in opposition to Amendment 4, a proposed constitutional Amendment concerning abortion.

September 10, 2024 2024

**DESOTO COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-061**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto 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.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment would provide a constitutional right to abortion before fetal viability (estimated to be around 24 weeks gestational age) or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider; 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 DeSoto County and the State of Florida.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA** expresses its strong opposition to Amendment 4.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** in Desoto County, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2024.

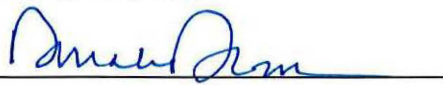
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ATTEST:**

  
Mandy Hines  
County Administrator

By:   
Jerod Gross  
Chairman

**Approved as to form:**

By:   
Donald D. Conn  
County Attorney