

Senate Resolution No. 1455

BY: Senator PARKER

COMMEMORATING the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

WHEREAS, On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade confirmed that the Constitution protects every woman's ability to make her own personal medical decisions; and

WHEREAS, The decision in Roe v. Wade ensures that abortion remains a safe and legal procedure for a woman to consider, if and when she needs it; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, New York was one of the first states in the nation to legalize safe abortion, part of the state's long-standing tradition of protecting and advancing access to comprehensive reproductive health care; and

WHEREAS, It is a public health goal of the State of New York to enhance the health of all citizens, including women of all ages, and to strengthen individuals and families by encouraging and promoting access to comprehensive family planning services, and pregnancies which are planned and healthy; and

WHEREAS, Abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for a woman and, therefore, decisions about whether to choose adoption, end a pregnancy, or raise a child must be left to a woman, her family, and her faith, with the counsel of her health care provider; and

WHEREAS, A majority of Americans support access to safe and legal abortion and oppose efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade; and

WHEREAS, Violence against providers and restrictions to access to abortion endanger the lives of women and have continued to erode access to abortion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, recognizing the critical importance of continued access to safe and legal abortion.