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## **Honoring 44<sup>th</sup> Roe Anniversary, Rep. Taylor Co-Sponsors Resolution that Abortion is Health Care**

MADISON – Earlier today, celebrating the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1973 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in the United States, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) joined Sen. Chris Larson (D-Milwaukee) and several of their Democratic colleagues to unveil a new legislative resolution that declares abortion as health care and promotes the availability and accessibility of abortion services.

Rep. Taylor released the following statement:

“On Saturday, I got to march for women’s basic human rights in Washington, DC, with hundreds of thousands of people from across this county and even from other parts of the world. I remembered the first time I traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in a march for women’s rights, more than two decades ago as a 21-year-old college student. At that time, some individuals around our nation were blocking women’s access to reproductive health care by standing in front of health center doors and preventing women from entering.

“Twenty-eight years after my first march, politicians, including Governor Walker, Speaker Ryan and other Republican legislators continue to block access to essential reproductive health care. Though they aren’t physically standing in front of health center doors, their myriad of restrictive, unnecessary laws have the same effect of blocking access and shutting down women’s health centers, denying thousands of American women access to the basic health care we need.

“On the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we have a president who, like Scott Walker and Paul Ryan, believes that he should be able to make a woman’s personal, private healthcare decisions. This is the epitome of big, intrusive government. Government should never become the tool of oppression, but should be the instrument of liberty.

“Our resolution today symbolizes that we will continue to work for a society where government doesn’t create obstacles, but removes barriers, so everyone has the opportunity to live their dreams.”

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