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National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. Joint Statement on Supreme Court's Decision Overturning Roe V. Wade

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The Council of Presidents of the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), representing the nine historically Black Greek-lettered Organizations, and more than 2.5 million members worldwide denounces the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that overturned the landmark case that granted a woman's right to privacy and to make health care decisions regarding her body.

This decision in Dobbs vs Jackson's Women's Health Organization announced on June 24 overturns 50 years of precedent and undermines reproductive freedom and women's bodily autonomy.

The decision impacts poor communities and those less likely to have access to the healthcare they need to make decisions about their bodies. Multiple states have already submitted legislation to ban a women's right to choose.

Overturning Roe v. Wade will not end abortion, it will only end safe abortions and access to healthcare for millions of women. This move will undoubtedly create a full-fledged public health crisis in this country.

Now that the constitutional right of abortion access provided in Roe v. Wade has fallen, the fight to protect abortion rights will move to many different fronts. We intend to actively engage our member organizations in this fight for women's health rights.

The Council of Presidents of the National Pan Hellenic Council remains resolute in our commitment to protecting a woman's fundamental right to make informed health decisions, including decisions concerning her reproductive health, without unreasonable government interference as an organization that prioritizes preserving physical and mental health.

We encourage everyone to get out and exercise their right to vote regardless of party affiliation. Reproductive freedoms are on the ballot in November along with so many issues that affect all of us. There is too much at stake to stay at home, we must come together to take control of our future. We must get out and vote with an unprecedented turnout, as if our life depends on it, strength in unity matters.