

## **Resolution to Endorse and Mobilize for the Reproductive Justice National Weekend of Action**

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*WHEREAS the unelected, illegitimate Supreme Court has overturned Roe v Wade, stripping pregnant people of the right to a safe, legal abortion and threatening the bodily autonomy of all people;*

*WHEREAS this assault on our rights will disproportionately impact working people, especially BIPOC, LGBTQ people, and the poor;*

*WHEREAS the Republican Party has waged an all-out attack on the rights of women and LGBTQ people in state legislatures across the country, passing legislation which limits the ability of transgender people to access gender-affirming healthcare at the same time that they ban abortion and threaten a national abortion ban, access to contraception, and the right to same-sex marriage;*

*WHEREAS the Republican Party is using these issues to promote a conservative, racist, sexist, heterosexist agenda among the broader public, which has contributed to a rise in far right ideas among a minority in the US;*

*WHEREAS the Democratic Party, despite controlling Congress and the White House, has offered limited opposition to these attacks beyond asking working-class people to donate to and vote for their candidates in the November elections;*

*WHEREAS socialists support bodily autonomy, abortion rights, and trans liberation as essential aspects of the working-class struggle against the capitalist class, who use these wedge issues to divide us, and we believe a multi-racial, multi-gendered mass movement of working-class people is needed to defend and advance reproductive and LGBTQ rights;*

*WHEREAS the Women's March has called for a national Weekend of Action for abortion rights on October 7th-9th, including a March on Washington DC on the 8th, a step in the right direction toward building a mass movement;*

*WHEREAS the Young Democratic Socialists of America (YDSA) passed Resolution 14 at their 2022 convention, calling for a Day of Action on abortion rights, bodily*

*autonomy, and trans liberation, and has set a date to coincide with the Women's March event;*

*WHEREAS DSA has a unique and independent role to play in the fight for abortion rights and bodily autonomy as the largest socialist force in the country, and can help the movement with ideas and a strategy that will make the movement more likely to succeed;*

*WHEREAS Seattle DSA will prioritize fighting for the demands outlined below and engage in the living struggle for reproductive rights by using the method of the United Front – that is, actively pursuing coordinated joint action with organizations and leaders – like the Women's March, Planned Parenthood, the AFL-CIO, individual unions, Bernie Sanders, and Squad members – that have a mass following and the potential to mobilize hundreds of thousands – while simultaneously maintaining our political independence, being willing to disagree with liberal leadership, and bringing socialist feminist demands and tactics into coalitions we participate in;*

*WHEREAS this United Front strategy has two benefits:*

- A. Building the widest possible movement by uniting alongside and putting pressure on these groups to mobilize their base into action;*
- B. Building the strongest possible socialist wing of the reproductive rights movement, which strives to politically strengthen the wider movement and give it a more militant and class-struggle character;*

*WHEREAS our movement needs to escalate our tactics and intensify pressure on the federal government to get them to pass the Women's Health Protection Act (which would legalize abortion nationwide), which will require urging larger organizations to call for a day of coordinated strikes and other workplace actions;*

*WHEREAS Seattle DSA's Reproductive Justice Working Group-in-formation is organizing a rally and march on Saturday, October 8th at 1 pm as part of the National Weekend of Action and inviting a wide coalition of feminist organizations, labor unions, and progressive groups to participate in our event on October 8th;*

*WHEREAS Seattle DSA's Local Council unanimously approved the idea of hosting a reproductive rights rally and inviting groups to mobilize for it, but the General Membership Meeting retains the right to either affirm or to overturn the Local Council's decision, and the General Membership Meeting also has the power to set the political direction of DSA's demands and approach at the rally by voting on this resolution;*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. *Seattle DSA will continue to organize a rally and march on Saturday, October 8th at 1 pm as part of the National Weekend of Action for bodily autonomy.*
2. *Seattle DSA will continue to invite a wide coalition of feminist organizations, labor unions, and progressive groups to participate in our event on October 8th (by putting forward a written proposal for their governing body to debate and vote on);*
3. *Seattle DSA calls upon Planned Parenthood, AFL-CIO, individual unions, Bernie Sanders, and DSA members in elected office to endorse the Women's March National Weekend of Action and mobilize their members and supporters.*
4. *Seattle DSA approves a budget of up to \$1750 for fliers, sound equipment, and other expenses for promoting, mobilizing, and hosting a rally and march.*
5. *Seattle DSA also asks the National Political Committee of DSA to:*
  - A. *Endorse the Women's March National Weekend of Action and mobilize all chapters to organize actions*
    1. *On the East Coast, National DSA should provide the funds or fundraise to charter buses for DSA members to attend the march in Washington DC, organized in the form of a visible socialist contingent*
6. *Seattle DSA demands:*
  - A. *Congress should enshrine abortion rights and Roe v Wade into federal law by ending the filibuster and passing the Women's Health Protection Act*
  - B. *The Democrats should expand the Supreme Court by adding pro-choice justices*
  - C. *Free abortion on demand and gender-affirming care for transgender people under Medicare for All and repeal of the Hyde Amendment.*
  - D. *Policies that enable people to have children and raise them in a healthy environment such as free universal childcare, paid family leave, living wages, and affordable housing.*
7. *We also urge coalition partners to set a date for a day of coordinated strikes and other workplace actions that we can mobilize for over the course of months to make an even stronger protest visible in cities across the country.*