

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Whereas, truthful information is key to making responsible decisions; and

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3 **Whereas**, contraception - which helps space childbirths, reduce unintended
4 pregnancies, and improve maternal and child health outcomes - is basic women's healthcare; and

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6 **Whereas**, the most effective way to prevent unintended pregnancy is to improve
7 access to safe, affordable, effective contraceptive methods and to provide medically accurate
8 information about how to use such methods; and

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10 **Whereas**, support for information and services that increase health and wellness
11 makes common sense:

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13 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
14 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring
15 therein, shall:

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17 (1) Help women, regardless of income, avoid unintended pregnancy through access to
18 affordable, FDA-approved contraception, including emergency contraception;

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20 (2) Support programs and policies that make it easier for women to obtain FDA-
21 approved contraceptives; and

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23 (3) Ensure all public school students receive age-appropriate, reproductive, and sexual
24 health education, including the latest medically factual information regarding the health benefits
25 and possible side effects of all forms of contraception, as well as the success and failure rates for
26 prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).