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Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson Issues Statement on Wisconsin Supreme Court Decision Striking Down 1849 Abortion Ban

MILWAUKEE — In a landmark 4-3 decision issued today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the state's 1849 laws, effectively restoring legal access to abortion in Wisconsin. The ruling represents a pivotal step toward restoring reproductive rights following the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

"Today's decision clarifies the legal landscape of reproductive healthcare in Wisconsin, ensuring that we are governed by a modern statutory framework, not an archaic 175-year-old law," said County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson. *"This ruling restores a sense of justice for the people of Wisconsin, especially those in marginalized communities who already face systemic barriers in healthcare access. While we celebrate today's win, our work towards true reproductive justice is far from over. We will continue to fight on every front for equitable reproductive healthcare access for all in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and the nation."*

"For more than a century and a half, this law sat on the books as a threat to our bodily autonomy. [After Roe v. Wade](#) was overturned in 2022, it became a cruel and dangerous reality, robbing people of their dignity and access to essential healthcare as a shameful attack on human rights."

"Let today be a turning point in our mission to propel health and equity. Let it mark the moment Wisconsin chose care over control, freedom over fear. As Wisconsinites, we go forward."

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