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## **CITY OF CHICAGO COMMEMORATES NATIONAL ABORTION PROVIDERS APPRECIATION DAY**

**CHICAGO** – The City of Chicago, under the leadership of Mayor Brandon Johnson, proudly commemorates National Abortion Providers Appreciation Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of abortion providers that uphold reproductive rights and champion quality and compassionate healthcare for all residents.

In light of the persistent onslaught of challenges to reproductive rights, including a recent decision by the Alabama Supreme Court that threatens human rights and undermines access to safe and legal healthcare, it is more important than ever to recognize the vital role of abortion providers in ensuring Chicago remains a safe haven for reproductive justice.

“We commend the bravery and resilience of abortion providers and look forward to continuing to support their efforts to ensure that reproductive rights are upheld and respected,” said **Mayor Brandon Johnson**. “Together, we can resist attempts to roll back the progress we have made, ensuring Chicago remains a sanctuary for choice.”

“The Chicago Abortion Fund is proud to partner with and celebrate local abortion providers across the city every single day. We are rooted in our shared commitment to accessible, compassionate abortion care and protecting bodily autonomy,” said **Megan Jeyifo, Executive Director of the Chicago Abortion Fund**.

The Johnson Administration remains steadfast in its support for policies that ensure access to affordable and quality healthcare services, including reproductive health services. Through the partnership of advocates on the City of Chicago’s Advisory Council on Women and those around the city, Chicago reaffirms its commitment to protecting and expanding access to reproductive healthcare services for all residents.

“Abortion Providers Appreciation Day serves as a reminder of the dedication and compassion demonstrated by those who provide essential reproductive healthcare services,” said **Chief of Policy, Umi Grigsby**. “Chicago’s long history of advocating for



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women’s rights and as the birthplace of the reproductive justice movement, women’s health and reproductive health are integral to the Mayor Johnson's policy agenda.”

In recognition of Abortion Providers Appreciation Day, the City of Chicago encourages all residents to express gratitude for the vital work of abortion providers and to advocate for policies that uphold reproductive rights and promote gender equity.

“This day is especially to honor and express our gratitude for clinicians, nurses, reproductive health care assistants, patient navigators, patient access specialists, and all staff who support and protect access to abortion care,” said **Jennifer Welch, President of Planned Parenthood of Illinois**. “At this critical moment for abortion rights in the U.S., and as a haven state for thousands of patients, their work means so much to us.”

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