

**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
LA CROSSE COUNTY
APRIL 4, 2023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the County of La Crosse, Wisconsin, on April 4, 2023, the following Advisory Referendum will be submitted to a vote of the people of the County of La Crosse:

RESOLUTION #44-1/23

RE: AUTHORIZING ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION ON ABORTION BAN

WHEREAS, On June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court made the decision to overturn **Roe v. Wade**, eliminating people's constitutional right to access a safe and legal abortion. Given this reversal of a 50-year precedent, individual states now dictate access to reproductive care; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute s. 940.04, enacted in 1849, bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient.; and, **WHEREAS**, polling consistently shows that the majority of people in Wisconsin, and across the United States, oppose the overturn of Roe v. Wade; and, **WHEREAS**, the decision to overturn **Roe v. Wade** disproportionately affects communities of color, low-income communities, people who are disabled, immigrants, young people, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. This is an attack on reproductive care and sets a dangerous precedent for other questions of bodily autonomy; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute s. 59.52(25) the La Crosse County Board hereby directs the County Clerk to place the question set forth below on the April 4, 2023 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Advisory Referendum Question: *"Should the Wisconsin legislature repeal or keep the state's 1849 abortion ban that provides no exceptions in cases of rape or incest nor to protect the health of the mother?"*

a. REPEAL b. KEEP

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Should the Wisconsin legislature repeal or keep the state's 1849 abortion ban that provides no exceptions in cases of rape or incest nor to protect the health of the mother?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE

A vote of "repeal" means that you are in favor of the Wisconsin Legislature repealing the current law (s. 940.04) which was originally enacted in 1849. Repealing means revoking or removing.

A vote of "keep" means that you are in favor of the Wisconsin Legislature keeping the current law (s. 940.04) which was originally enacted in 1849.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk.

Done in the County of La Crosse

On March 7, 2023

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk