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June 24, 2022

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Hon. Brian Bingman
Office of the Secretary of State
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Hon. Greg Treat
Presiding Officer of the Senate
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Hon. Charles McCall
*Presiding Officer of the House of
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For Publication

RE: Certification of the Supreme Court of the United States overruling *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992)

Dear Governor Stitt, President Pro Tempore Treat, Speaker McCall, and Secretary Bingman,

As the Attorney General of Oklahoma, and as directed by S.B. 918, Ch. 308, O.S.L. 2021, as amended by S.B. 1555, Ch. 133, O.S.L. 2022, it is my distinct honor to certify the following:

1. Today, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States released its opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, No. 19-1392, slip op. (U.S. Jun. 24, 2022), expressly overruling *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992). "The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion. *Roe* and *Casey* arrogated that authority. We now overrule those decisions and return that authority to the people and their elected representatives." *Dobbs*, slip op. at 79.
2. As a result of *Dobbs*, the authority of the State of Oklahoma to prohibit abortion has been confirmed, and the State of Oklahoma may enforce Section 861 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or enact a similar statute prohibiting abortion throughout pregnancy.

With this Certification Letter, S.B. 918, Ch. 308, O.S.L. 2021, as amended by S.B. 1555, Ch. 133, O.S.L. 2022, shall hereby take effect and be in full force.

Moreover, I hereby notify all state and county officials, attorneys, investigators, officers, boards, commissions, and agents entrusted to protect and enforce Oklahoma law that Section 861 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be immediately enforceable.



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Consistent with my oath and to fulfill my duties as the chief law officer of the State of Oklahoma, I will begin enforcement efforts immediately. I will take all necessary actions within my authority to ensure Oklahoma law is enforced and the interests of the State and its people are protected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JMO'Connor', written over a large, loopy scribble.

John M. O'Connor
Attorney General of Oklahoma

cc: Office of the Attorney General of Oklahoma