

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
IN OPPOSITION TO

PROPOSITION 4
“WAITING PERIOD AND PARENTAL NOTIFICATION BEFORE TERMINATION OF MINOR'S
PREGNANCY”

ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 STATEWIDE BALLOT

WHEREAS, We, the Marin County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaim our opposition to Proposition 4, otherwise known as the “Child and Teen Safety and Stop Predators Act: Sarah’s Law,” certified for the November 4, 2008 statewide ballot; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4 would amend the State Constitution to require, with certain exceptions, a physician (or his or her representative) to notify the parent or legal guardian of a pregnant minor at least 48 hours before performing an abortion involving that minor; and

WHEREAS, this measure applies to cases involving an “unemancipated” minor, defined as ‘a female under the age of 18 years who has not entered into a valid marriage and is not on active duty with the armed services of the United States and has not received a declaration of emancipation under state law; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4 is the third time that voters will have considered the issue of a parental notification/waiting period for abortion; the two previous initiatives in 2005 and 2006 were unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 4 would restrict a woman’s right to make important personal decisions about her body and health, and would jeopardize a woman’s access to timely and confidential medical care and counseling; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors opposes any restriction of a woman’s constitutional right to choose with regard to decisions about her body and health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors urges the people of the County of Marin to oppose Proposition 4, the “Child and Teen Safety and Stop Predators Act: Sarah’s Law,” on the November 4, 2008 statewide ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____th day of _____, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES:
ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK