

Support of March for Women's Lives

WHEREAS *Roe v. Wade* hangs by a one-vote thread in the Supreme Court and, in 2003, both houses of Congress passed, and President Bush signed the so-called "Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003," the first federal legislation to criminalize any medical procedure, and

WHEREAS the current administration's push for abstinence-only health education leaves many without the education or the resources to make informed decisions about their reproductive health, and

WHEREAS the current administration has reinstated the "global gag rule," which denies U.S. Funding to non-U.S. family planning organizations, and refused to fund the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA), an organization that gives millions of women and families access to reproductive health care and information on family planning, and

WHEREAS by law, federal money cannot be used to fund abortion services, thus penalizing low income women, and

WHEREAS the American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women's Health Imperative, Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, National Organization for Women, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America have called for a March for Women's Lives in Washington on Saturday, April 25, 2004,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Federation of Teachers reaffirm its support of women's rights to choice, access to family planning information and abortion regardless of income, marital status, or sexual orientation, and

LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that the CFT endorse the March for Women's Lives on April 25, 2004 and encourage, through all its forms of media, its locals, members, and affiliates to participate in whatever way they can.