



**Resolution No. 1516-03**  
**A Resolution to Resume the University of Missouri's Partnership**  
**with Planned Parenthood**

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** the University of Missouri and MU Health Care have cancelled ten (10) contracts with Planned Parenthood Health Centers nationwide; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to this decision, the relationship between university departments and Planned Parenthood had been established for more than 25 years, and current students were seeking placement at Planned Parenthood Health Centers; and

**WHEREAS,** students at the University of Missouri have the autonomy to choose when and how they employ and enhance their education, and any student who worked with Planned Parenthood did so of their own free will; and

**WHEREAS,** decisions about community placement for course credit should be made at the departmental level, rather than by university mandate; and

**WHEREAS,** Planned Parenthood provides critical healthcare services to all members of our community without judgement, including comprehensive family planning services, cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, contraceptive services including emergency contraception, prenatal care, and abortion services; and

**WHEREAS,** MedZou, the University of Missouri's graduate/professional student-coordinated free clinic, values Planned Parenthood as the most affordable option for the prevention and identification of cervical cancer for our community's uninsured patients; and

**WHEREAS,** the action of disallowing students access to fundamental education about sexual health and safe, legal abortion services is a disservice to

our students, our community, and a direct violation of the university's core values of Responsibility, Respect, Discovery, and Excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** reproductive freedom is the right of any individual, and it should not be within the university's power to deny that right to any person; and

**WHEREAS,** the removal by MU Health Care of Refer-and-Follow privileges, which allow doctors to perform safe and legal medical abortions at the Planned Parenthood- Columbia Health Center, creates a barrier for mid-Missouri residents who would like access to safe legal abortion services; be it

**RESOLVED,** by majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered that we fully support the reinstatement of contracts between the University of Missouri and Planned Parenthood, as well as the adoption of any new contracts sought by students; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that we fully support the reinstatement of any necessary Refer-and-Follow privileges for any doctor employed by the Planned Parenthood – Columbia Health Clinic.

**SUBMITTED,**

Jordan Hoyt

Representative, Public Health