

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rally Planned to Promote Abortion Rights Ballot Initiative in Wake of Near-Total Abortion Ban

GAINESVILLE, Florida

When: Saturday, April 6 at 1 p.m.

Where: Gainesville's City Hall Plaza (200 East University Avenue)

Who: A coalition of local organizations joining together in support of "Yes on 4"

This Saturday, April 6th, at 1 p.m. in Gainesville, join community and student organizations to protest the near-total abortion ban that will take effect May 1. People will protest at Gainesville's City Hall Plaza, downtown, along East University Avenue. National Women's Liberation-Gainesville chapter, the Gainesville Radical Reproductive Rights Network, the UF and Santa Fe College chapters of Planned Parenthood Generation Action, and the UF and Alachua County chapters of the League of Women Voters, as well as other community groups, will have information on upcoming events and ways to get involved to help ensure that Florida voters approve the abortion rights referendum that will be Amendment 4 in Florida's Nov. 5 election.

On Monday, April 1st, the Florida Supreme Court triggered a near-total abortion ban across the state. The Court upheld Florida's 15-week abortion law, which in turn triggers a 6-week abortion ban in Florida starting May 1st. In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Florida Supreme Court's April 1st decision overturns decades of legal precedent in Florida that the state constitution's right to privacy includes the protection of abortion rights. The 15-week abortion ban, which will soon be replaced with a 6-week abortion ban, has been enacted without the input of Florida's citizens.

To combat these bans, Floridians Protecting Freedom, a statewide coalition of allied organizations and citizens, collected nearly 1 million verified signatures from Florida voters in 8 months to get an initiative to protect and expand abortion rights onto the November 2024 ballot. This ballot initiative - Amendment 4 - will give Florida voters a say. If at least 60% of November voters vote yes on Amendment 4, it will protect access to abortion up until fetal viability, considered around 24 weeks of pregnancy.

Across Florida, communities are organizing against abortion bans and the politicization and policing of women's healthcare. Next Saturday, April 13th, a statewide rally will be held in Orlando at 12 noon to stand up against the 6-week abortion restriction. The rally will also help kick off the "Yes on 4" ballot initiative campaign to take back the individual's right to determine their own healthcare decisions and to reject government interference in abortion.

The following "Super Saturday," April 20th, Floridians Protecting Freedom activist committees across the state, including in Gainesville, will be holding campaign kick-off training meetings for people who

want to become involved. The April 20th Gainesville training will be at the Civic Media Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Everyone who cares about reproductive health is encouraged to come out to hold a sign and show their support for bodily autonomy and the rejection of government interference in abortion. Now is the time for all members of our community who want to make a positive change and restore Floridians' access to abortion to join up with an organization involved in the "Yes on 4" campaign.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

National Women's Liberation - Gainesville chapter

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The Gainesville Radical Reproductive Rights Network

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National Women's Liberation (NWL) is a multiracial feminist group for women, cis and trans, and trans people who do not benefit from male supremacy, who want to fight male supremacy and gain more freedom for women. Our priorities are abortion and birth control, overthrowing the double day, and feminist consciousness-raising.

More information: <https://womensliberation.org> or locally: [instagram.com/nwlgainesville](https://www.instagram.com/nwlgainesville)

The GRRR! (Gainesville Radical Reproductive Rights) Network is a group of people invested in reproductive justice and bodily autonomy for all!

More information: [instagram.com/thegrrrnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/thegrrrnetwork)

Floridians Protecting Freedom (FPF) is a statewide campaign of allied organizations and concerned citizens working together to protect Floridians' access to abortion as reproductive health care and defend the right to bodily autonomy. FPF recognizes that all Floridians deserve the freedom to make personal medical decisions, including about abortion, free of government intrusion.

More information: floridiansprotectingfreedom.com [@Yes4Florida](https://www.instagram.com/Yes4Florida)

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