



## **Media Advisory**

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## ***Roe v. Wade* Rally Marks 40 Years of Safe, Legal Abortion**

HELENA, MT — Women from across Montana will gather at the Montana Capitol Tuesday to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, ensuring a woman's legal right to make her own decision regarding pregnancy and abortion.

Women of all ages will be represented at the rally and luncheon in the Capitol Rotunda sponsored by the Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition. Speakers include elected representatives, health care providers and women's rights activists.

"It's important to remember what a momentous occasion the *Roe v. Wade* decision was for women in America. Before that ruling pregnant women were not allowed to make their own private medical decisions. Many died or were seriously injured in dangerous back alley abortions," said Niki Zupanic, public policy director for the ACLU of Montana. "We can't ever forget those days. Right now there are opponents of women's rights seeking to undermine *Roe v. Wade* in Montana and across the country. We have to remain vigilant to make sure every woman is able to make the medical decisions that are right for her and her family."

The Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition is composed of: the ACLU of Montana, NARAL Pro-Choice Montana, The Montana Human Rights Network, Blue Mountain Clinic, Planned Parenthood of Montana, The Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, AAUW of Montana, Montana League of Women Voters, Montana State Business and Professional Women, Montana Women Vote, Mountain Country Women's Clinic, and All Families Healthcare.

**WHAT:** Rally and luncheon commemorating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, giving women the ability to make their own personal, private medical decisions.

**WHO:** Montana Reproductive Rights Coalition  
Lt. Governor John Walsh  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann  
Rep. Jen Gursky  
Music by Judy Fjell

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013  
Noon-1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Montana Capitol Rotunda

**Free** and open to the public.