

**As Introduced**

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**H. R. No. 459**

**Representatives Miller, M., McClain**

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**A RESOLUTION**

To recognize May 5, 2024, as International Day of 1  
the Midwife. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Ohio parents maintain an ancient and fundamental 3  
right, older than government itself, to seek assistance from 4  
persons of their choice in the births of their children in 5  
locations of their choice; and 6

WHEREAS, Childbirth is a normal function of womanhood and 7  
parents should have the freedom of choice in birthing practices; 8  
and 9

WHEREAS, The ancient practice of midwifery and the right of 10  
parents in Ohio to avail themselves of it are each protected as 11  
a natural and inalienable liberty by Ohio Constitution, Article 12  
I, Section 1, as a right of conscience by Ohio Constitution, 13  
Article I, Section 7, as an unenumerated right retained by the 14  
people by Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 20, as a health 15  
care freedom by Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 21, and as 16  
a reproductive right by Ohio Constitution, Article I, Section 17  
22; and 18

WHEREAS, The ancient practice of midwifery offers care to 19  
parents in Ohio that is personal, private, safe, affordable, and 20

available throughout the state; and 21

WHEREAS, The practice of midwifery is neither the practice 22  
of medicine nor the practice of nursing, but its own ancient and 23  
unique practice; now therefore be it 24

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 25  
Representatives of the 135th General Assembly of the State of 26  
Ohio, acknowledge the valuable contributions made by midwives 27  
here in Ohio and around the world and pause in our deliberations 28  
to recognize May 5, 2024, as International Day of the Midwife; 29  
and be it further 30

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 31  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 32  
news media of Ohio. 33