

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 18, 2023

For more information contact: Rep. Chuck Wichgers – (608) 237-9182

Abortions to Begin in Wisconsin Planned Parenthood Defies State Law

Madison – Planned Parenthood announced it will resume performing abortions Monday in violation of state law which prohibits intentionally destroying the life of an unborn child. In July, a Dane County Circuit Court judge ruled against dismissing a case brought by Governor Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul. Despite no final ruling in the case, the state's largest abortion provider is resuming abortions prematurely and illegally.

"There has been no change in the law and the Wisconsin Supreme Court has issued no ruling on this case," Representative Chuck Wichgers said. "One liberal judge declared that the state law does not apply to abortion, but rather 'feticide.' Statute s. 940.04 is clear and that is nonsense. It absolutely applies to abortion. Planned Parenthood's brazen move is in total disregard for the rule of law.

"The <u>Wisconsin legislatures</u> of 1947, 1953 and 1955 clearly intended to penalize 'administering abortion.' The protection of unborn human life remains on Wisconsin's books, despite the fact that Roe v. Wade, together with its companion case Doe v. Bolton, obliterated protection for unborn children and allowed for abortion up to birth, until Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization returned the issue to the states on June 24, 2022.

"The timing of Planned Parenthood's decision to restart abortions is clearly political. They know they have a high court in this state that wants to make the law, rather than rule on it. Given the business in which Planned Parenthood deals – 96.6% of pregnancy resolution services are abortion – it is not a surprise they will break the law."

###

The 82rd Assembly District includes the City of Franklin, the eastern portion of the City of Muskego, and the Village of Greendale.