

RESOLUTION OF THE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DECLARING THE COUNTY OF YANCEY, NORTH CAROLINA FOR LIFE AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF YANCEY TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS, INCLUDING THE PRE-BORN, FROM CONCEPTION OR FERTILIZATION THROUGH ALL STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that all men are created equal and have been endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights— chief among them the right to life— and that the protection of these rights is an affirmative duty of federal, state, and local governments; and

WHEREAS, James Madison, who is considered to be the father of the constitution, wrote that "the accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands...may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny;" and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has abused its proper function of judicial review and supplanted it with the unconstitutional theory judicial supremacy in order to legislate and impose its policy preferences upon the people; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution provide for the protection of human life and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States in Poelker v. Doe (432 US 519, 1977) concluded that "the Constitution does not forbid a State or city, pursuant to democratic processes, from expressing a preference for normal childbirth" instead of abortion; and

WHEREAS, state police power derives from the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives states the powers "not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people;" and

WHEREAS, the power to establish and enforce laws protecting the welfare, safety, and health of the public is a core function of the state's Tenth Amendment police power; and

WHEREAS, Section I of the Constitution of North Carolina states that "all persons are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness"; and

WHEREAS, this County Board of Commissioners desires to express its deep concern that all human beings, at every stage of development, including before birth, in the county of Yancey should be afforded protection from acts of cruelty, and be treated humanely and with dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Yancey County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and declares the full humanity of the preborn child and declares Yancey County to be a strong advocate for the preborn where the dignity of every human being will be defended and promoted from conception or fertilization through all stages of development.

Section 2. The Yancey County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to use all means within its power to support the sanctity of human life in accordance with the God-given responsibilities as the people's elected governing body.

Adopted, this the 9th day of September, 2019.