

## DAVIE COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR LIFE

**WHEREAS**, *LIFE* is the first declared righted in the Declaration of Independence which our Founders affirmed, “we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are *LIFE*, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution states in the 14th Amendment, “No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of *LIFE*, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws”; and

**WHEREAS**, state police power derives from the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives the power to establish and enforce laws protecting the welfare, safety, and health of the public, which is a core function "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**, 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**, 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 should keep its proper function of judicial review instead of unconstitutional theory and judicial supremacy in order to legislate and impose its policy preferences upon the people; 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**, the Davie County Board of Commissioners believes human *LIFE* begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners believes human *LIFE* must be protected and preserved;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Davie County Board of Commissioners desires to express its deep concern that all human *LIFE* in Dave County is unique and precious, at every stage of development, including before birth, and should be afforded protection from acts of cruelty, and be treated humanely and with dignity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

1. declare the full humanity of the preborn child so that innocent human *LIFE*, including fetal *LIFE* at every stage of gestation, from conception or fertilization through all stages of development, and must always be valued and protected and that society must protect those who cannot protect themselves; and
2. declare Davie County to be a strong advocate for the preborn where the dignity of every human being will be defended and promoted; and
3. encourage appropriate services and resources to assist: pregnant women find proper health care; mothers and fathers who make the decision to parent their child; help mothers and fathers who make an adoption plan; and couples who seek to adoption; and
4. will 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; and
5. has a desire via this Resolution for *LIFE*, to be recognized as a refuge that truly welcomes and protects the gift of *LIFE* from conception or fertilization through all stages of development; and
6. promote the partnership of citizens, churches, and other social organizations such as the Davie County Pregnancy Care Center to enhance services and resources to mothers and fathers of pre-born children.

Adopted, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Terry Renegar, Chairman  
Davie County Board of Commissioners

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Stacy Moyer, Clerk to the Board