



RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S COMMITMENT TO LIFE

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence, in its essential statement of rights that precede the institution of government, states that all human beings are created equal and endowed by the Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party, at its own foundation, declared in the original platform of 1856 that it embraced a public order that rejected “the twin relics of barbarism,” polygamy and slavery;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party has borne witness to these principles, for more than a century and a half, defending life, family, and equal justice under law for all Americans irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, or creed;

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States exceeded its authority and struck down the life-protective laws enacted by the 50 states, Congress, and the territories;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party, in its 1976 platform, declared its support for the efforts of those “who seek to restore ‘protection for the right to life of unborn children’”;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party has consistently reiterated statements of support for the right to life of unborn children under our Constitution, envisioning the fostering and building of a nation where “unborn children are welcomed in life and protected in law”;

WHEREAS, The Republican Platform of 2004 made clear that the Republican Party embraces the idea that “the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. Our purpose is to have legislative and judicial protection of that right against those who perform abortions”;

WHEREAS, After nearly five decades of advocacy and action by our Party against the judicial tyranny of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court in the *Dobbs* decision rightfully corrected its error, and it is now up to the people of the United States to debate and decide through their elected officials in the states, and in Congress;

WHEREAS, The Republican Party is proud to stand up for the rights of the unborn and to ensure that public policy at all levels – federal, state, local, and in the private sector – recognizes and respects both the right to life of the unborn and the role that women play in every walk of American life as leaders, citizens, and mothers;

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party has fallen away from the convictions that once led one of its greatest leaders, Gov. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania, to urge that we “extend the mantle of protection again to every member of the human family, including the unborn”;

WHEREAS, That the Democratic Party is now extreme, supporting abortion on-demand, up until birth, paid for by the taxpayer, putting their candidates far outside the mainstream;



WHEREAS, Federal policy supports the goals of protecting both mothers and babies in the womb, including measures our Party has strongly championed, including the Hyde Amendment, the Child Health Insurance Program, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, the Born Alive Infants Protection Act, and other measures, none of which has ever been struck down by the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, Polling consistently shows that a majority of Americans support national, state, and local limits on abortion, with just a fringe minority supporting the Democratic position of no limits by gestational age, suspect classification, or other neutral characteristic;

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party and its allies spent hundreds of millions of dollars on the issue of abortion during the 2022 midterms, concealing their extremism while mischaracterizing and vilifying pro-life Republican candidates; and

WHEREAS, Instead of fighting back and exposing Democratic extremism on abortion, many Republican candidates failed to remind Americans of our proud heritage of challenging slavery, segregation, and the forces eroding the family and the sanctity of human life, thereby allowing Democrats to define our longtime position; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges all Republican pro-life candidates, consultants, and other national Republican Political Action Committees to remember this proud heritage, go on offense in the 2024 election cycle, and expose the Democrats' extreme position of supporting abortion on-demand up until the moment of birth, paid for by the taxpayers, even supporting discriminatory abortions such as gender selection or when the child has been diagnosed with Down syndrome; and

RESOLVED, The Republican National Committee urges Republican lawmakers in state legislatures and in Congress to pass the strongest pro-life legislation possible – such as laws that acknowledge the beating hearts and experiences of pain in the unborn – underscoring the new relics of barbarism the Democratic Party represents as we approach the 2024 cycle.