PRENATAL EQUAL PROTECTION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE URGING THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO ESTABLISH EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAWS FOR PREBORN CHILDREN AND ABOLISH ABORTION

WHEREAS, the risen and ascended Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16), having all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18), including over the nations of the earth (Daniel 7:14) and their governments (Psalm 2:10-12); and

WHEREAS, civil government was created by God to punish evil (1 Peter 2:13-17) and, among other things, to penalize (Romans 13:1-7) and deter (Ecclesiastes 8:11) the unjustified taking of innocent human life created in the image of God (Genesis 9:6); and

WHEREAS, while the commission of prenatal homicide is a personal sin, its legal allowance is a civil sin — for innocent blood defiles the land (Numbers 35:33-34) — of which every civil jurisdiction with authority to abolish it must repent for its failure to do so (Deuteronomy 21:1-9; 2 Chronicles 7:14); and

WHEREAS, equal protection of the laws is required by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and by the Tennessee Constitution, including with respect to state laws protecting human life; and

WHEREAS, human life begins at fertilization, and the right to life is the first and most fundamental right that government must protect; and

WHEREAS, equal protection requires impartial justice, such that the penalties available for the killing of a preborn child must be the same as for the killing of a born child — to affirm equal value, to deter, and to render justice; and

WHEREAS, these laws must apply equally to all parties willfully involved, including a mother who knowingly and intentionally procures an abortion, any person who pressures or assists a woman procuring an abortion, and an abortionist who performs it; and

WHEREAS, the criminal and civil laws against homicide, assault, and wrongful death are generally matters of state law.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THAT:

SECTION 1:

the SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION urges the state government of Tennessee to pass legislation establishing equal protection of the laws for preborn children, protecting the lives of preborn children with the same homicide, assault, and wrongful death laws that already protect born persons, thereby abolishing abortion; and

SECTION 2:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION urges the governor of this state to publicly support and, when passed, to sign equal protection legislation into law; and

SECTION 3:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SULLIVAN COUNTY CLERK TERESA JACOBS is directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution by the second Friday following its passage to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and the State Senator and State Representatives serving SULLIVAN COUNTY.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20___.

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[PRESIDING OFFICER NAME], [Title]

ATTEST:

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