

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1614

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring pregnancy maintenance
2 resource centers in Kansas and across the United States.

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4 WHEREAS, The life-affirming impact of pregnancy maintenance
5 resource centers on the women, men, children and communities they
6 serve is considerable and growing; and

7 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers serve women in
8 Kansas and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

9 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 pregnancy maintenance resource
10 centers across the United States provide comprehensive care to women
11 and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their
12 physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs; and

13 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers offer women
14 free, confidential and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests,
15 peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting
16 classes, referrals to community, health care and support services; and

17 WHEREAS, Many medical pregnancy maintenance resource centers
18 offer ultrasound and other medical services; and

19 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide
20 information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant mothers; and

21 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers encourage
22 women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete
23 and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the
24 development of their unborn child; and

25 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide women
26 with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental
27 manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

28 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide
29 important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over
30 abortion; and

31 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers ensure that
32 women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the
33 birth of health infants; and

1 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide
2 grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children
3 from past choices they have made; and

4 WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers work to
5 prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence
6 education in public schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Federal and state governments are increasingly
8 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy maintenance resource
9 centers through the designation of public funds for such organizations;
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11 WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers operate
12 primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring
13 individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and
14 promoting and protecting life; and

15 WHEREAS, There are a number of pregnancy maintenance resource
16 centers that deserve recognition in our state: Pregnancy Resource Center
17 of Southeast Kansas, of Iola, Kansas; Raven Aid for Moms, Benedictine
18 College, of Atchison, Kansas; Birthright of Great Bend, Kansas; Catholic
19 Social Service of Great Bend, Kansas; Birthline of Fort Scott, Kansas;
20 Bethlehem House, of El Dorado, Kansas; Birthline, of El Dorado,
21 Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center of Butler County, of Augusta, Kansas;
22 Catholic Charities of Concordia, Kansas; Family Life Services of
23 Arkansas City, Kansas; Birthright of Pittsburg, Kansas; Vie Medical
24 Clinic of Pittsburg, Kansas; Birthright of Lawrence, Kansas; Pregnancy
25 Care Center of Lawrence, Kansas; Birthright of Hays, Kansas; Catholic
26 Charities of Hays, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home of Hays,
27 Kansas; ABC Pregnancy Care Center of Garden City, Kansas; Catholic
28 Social Service of Garden City, Kansas; Birthright of Dodge City, Kansas;
29 Catholic Social Service of Dodge City, Kansas; Life Care Center for
30 Women of Ottawa, Kansas; Birthline of Junction City, Kansas; Precious
31 Beginnings Pregnancy Center of Ulysses, Kansas; Health Ministries
32 Clinic of Newton, Kansas; Heartland Pregnancy Care Center of Newton,
33 Kansas; Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County, Kansas; Advice and
34 Aid Pregnancy Center of Shawnee, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
35 Northeast Kansas of Overland Park, Kansas; Christian Family Services,
36 Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas; LDS Family Services of Overland Park,
37 Kansas; Birthright of Leavenworth, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
38 Northeast Kansas of Leavenworth, Kansas; Saint Vincent Clinic of
39 Leavenworth, Kansas; Birthright of Emporia, Kansas; Catholic Charities
40 of Northeast Kansas of Emporia, Kansas; Family Life Services of
41 Emporia, Kansas; Heart Choices of Beloit, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy
42 Care Center of Coffeyville, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care Center of
43 Independence, Kansas; Birthline of Chanute, Kansas; Pratt Family Life

1 Center of Pratt, Kansas; Birthright of Hutchinson, Kansas; Open Door
2 Pregnancy Care Center of Hutchinson, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
3 Manhattan, Kansas; Life Choice Ministries of Manhattan, Kansas;
4 Pregnancy Testing Center of Manhattan, Kansas; Catholic Charities of
5 Salina, Kansas; Pregnancy Service Center of Salina, Kansas; A Better
6 Choice of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline of Wichita, Kansas; Catholic
7 Charities of Wichita, Kansas; Choices Medical Clinic of Wichita, Kansas;
8 Gerard House of Wichita, Kansas; Guadalupe Clinic of Wichita, Kansas;
9 Pregnancy Crisis Center of Wichita, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline of
10 Liberal, Kansas; Birthright of Topeka, Kansas; Caring Pregnancy Options
11 of Topeka, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas of Topeka,
12 Kansas; Rachel's Tea House Crisis Pregnancy Center of Kansas City,
13 Kansas; Life Support Center of Johnson, Kansas; Birthline of Wellington,
14 Kansas; Emergency Pregnancy Service of Colby, Kansas; Angels of
15 Grace Family Service Center of Kansas City, Kansas; Catholic Charities
16 of Northeast Kansas, of Kansas City, Kansas; Adoption Center of Kansas,
17 of Wichita, Kansas; American Adoption of Overland Park, Kansas; Grace
18 Center, Inc. of Kansas City, Kansas; Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic of
19 Kansas City, Kansas; and Your Choice Pregnancy Resource Center of
20 Kansas City, Kansas: Now, therefore,

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
22 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature strongly supports
23 pregnancy maintenance resource centers in their unique, positive
24 contributions to the individual lives of women, men and of babies – both
25 born and unborn; and

26 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House*
27 *of Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature commends the
28 compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at
29 pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United
30 States; and

31 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House*
32 *of Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature encourages the
33 Congress of the United States and other federal and state government
34 agencies to grant pregnancy maintenance resource centers assistance for
35 medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
36 compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and

37 *Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House*
38 *of Representatives concurring therein:* That the legislature disapproves of
39 the actions of any national, state or local groups attempting to prevent
40 pregnancy maintenance resource centers from effectively serving women
41 and men facing unplanned pregnancies; and

42 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
43 enrolled copy of this resolution to each pregnancy maintenance resource

- 1 center in Kansas, to Governor Brownback, to the President of the United
- 2 States and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
- 3 Representatives of the United States Congress.