

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1606

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION condemning the enactment of the Reproductive Health Act by the state of New York, because it violates the life and well-being of a woman and her unborn child.

WHEREAS, The people of Kansas, as a matter of public policy, value and seek to protect all human life, from fertilization as stated in K.S.A. 65-6732, and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, The state of Kansas values the lives of the mother and the unborn child in the womb and seeks to protect both from abuse and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act expands abortion past 24 weeks of pregnancy and allows abortions up to the moment of birth, if "the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health." This terminology allows a woman to claim minimal mental or societal effects as a reason for an abortion, up to the very moment of birth; and

WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act allows not just physicians but also licensed nurse practitioners, physician assistants and licensed midwives to perform abortions, and thus, removing important safety protections from women; and

WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act repealed vital protections for an unborn child who is born alive and who survives an abortion attempt; and

WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act repealed all protections from criminal acts of violence against a woman's unborn child, leaving citizens no legal recourse for the killing of any child in the womb in the state of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act lessens the consequences for perpetrators of domestic violence, when their actions cause the death of a woman's unborn child, thereby inciting abusive behavior towards a pregnant woman; and

WHEREAS, The state of New York celebrated the passage of the Reproductive Health Act by turning the lights pink on the Freedom Tower. This structure, a symbol of freedom for our entire nation, includes the names of 10 mothers with the inscription "and her unborn child," each of whom were killed during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, At least four other states are considering legislation that is similar to the Reproductive Health Act: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the state of Kansas hereby condemns the Reproductive Health Act of New York and all similar laws in other states as violating the fundamental principles and values of the state of Kansas and of this nation. We call on legislators and executive officials of New York to reinstitute protections for women and unborn children in their state. Further, we call on legislators and executive officials in all fifty states to ascribe inherent value to all human life and reject any legislation like the Reproductive Health Act that would incite abuse and violence toward women and their unborn children; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor of New York and to each member of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.