



## **Resolution**

### **Supporting Passage of a North Carolina “Heartbeat Bill”**

**WHEREAS**, Fourteen state legislatures have passed “Heartbeat Bill” legislation protecting the youngest members of the human family whose heartbeats can be detected, and

**WHEREAS**, These legislative bills disallow the use of abortion procedures after an unborn child’s heartbeat is detectable; usually no later than six weeks following conception, and

**WHEREAS**, The presence of a heartbeat is a universal and scientific accepted indicator that life does exist, and

**WHEREAS**, The United States Supreme Court case of Gonzalez v. Carhart ruled as a “finding of fact” that a living person is legally recognized as existing from the time a heartbeat is detected even if the person is unborn, and

**WHEREAS**, The existence of a heartbeat is a specific and scientific determination that is defensible and is not based on the changing and ambiguous concept of “fetal viability,” and

**WHEREAS**, The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees every person “life, liberty and property” as well as equal protection under the law, and

**WHEREAS**, It is the position of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners that Constitutional protections should be guaranteed to every living person including, the unborn that are unable to express or defend themselves, and

**WHEREAS**, The State of North Carolina averages 27,400 abortions each year, many of which occur after the development of a heartbeat;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Davidson County Board of Commissioners endorse the passage of “Heartbeat Bill” legislation in North Carolina and that this endorsement includes a reporting and verification process consistent with that passed by other States, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Resolution be sent to all Clerks to the Board and County Chairs in the other 99 counties requesting that they adopt a similar resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Davidson County Resolution be forwarded to all members of the General Assembly including the Honorable Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Steve Jarvis, Representative Larry Potts, Representative Sam Watford, and the Council of State, including Lt. Governor, Mark Robinson and Governor Roy Cooper.

Adopted this the 23rd day of November 2021.

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Karen Watford, Chair  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

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Deborah J. Harris, Clerk to the Board