



**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2021-08**

**In Support of Life**

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States of America, states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness," with life being the first of these declared rights; and

Whereas, The Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution declare that governments cannot deprive any person of "life, liberty, or property" without due process of law, and

Whereas, Article II, Section 1, of the New Mexico Constitution, holds that "the constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land," which then incorporates the laws of the United States and is the basis for the State constitution and laws, and Whereas the power of the great state of New Mexico rests with the people, as is read in the Preamble of the Constitution, that is, "We, the people of New Mexico," and from Section 2 of Article II, "All political power is vested in and derived from the people," and

Whereas, from Section 4 of Article II one reads, "All persons are born free and have certain inherent and inalienable rights, among which are the rights of enjoying and defending life," and

Whereas, as recently as March 2017, the American College of Pediatricians published an Abstract stating that "The predominance of human biological research confirms that human life begins at conception - fertilization. At fertilization, the human being emerges as a whole, genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism, a member of the species Homo sapiens, needing only the proper environment to grow and develop. The difference between the individual in its adult state and in its zygotic state is one of form, not nature"; and

Whereas, based on scientific evidence human life begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; and

Whereas, each and every innocent human life is unique and precious to God; and

Whereas, while one reads in Section 11 of Article II that "Every man shall be free to worship God," a deliberate taking of the life of an unborn person forces many persons of New Mexico to violate their conscience which is formed by the dictates put forth by their God, and



Whereas, many in the medical professions and healthcare providers hold as most sacred the value of every human life from conception to natural death and if asked or forced to participate in the untimely taking of life at any age violates their conscience and morality standards, and

Whereas, innocent human life must always be protected and preserved; and

Whereas, the protection of all human life is important to the people of Roosevelt County; and

Whereas, the New Mexico Legislature is currently considering legislation to diminish the limitations on abortions; and

Whereas, adoption is a very healthy and reaffirming way of raising a child who is given up by a father and mother for someone else to raise; therefore

Whereas, healthy social, emotional, and physical development of a child is drastically better when living in a home with both father and mother; and

Be it resolved by the County Commission, as the governing body of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, that it be declared that innocent human life, including fetal life, must always be protected and that society must protect those who cannot protect themselves; and

Be it further resolved by the County Commission that it declare its opposition to any diminution by the New Mexico Legislature of the limitations on abortion; and

Be it further resolved that the County Commission honors the right of medical professionals and healthcare providers who object to performing abortions and the taking or assisting in the taking of life at any age because it violates their conscience or on the basis of their moral standards and opposes any regulation or law seeking to violate that right; and

Be it finally resolved that the people of Roosevelt County be strongly encouraged in:

- Helping pregnant women find healthcare for themselves and their unborn baby;
- Helping expectant mothers fill other needs;
- Helping mothers and fathers in need find parenting assistance;
- Supporting mothers and fathers who make decisions to adopt a child;
- Supporting highly responsible married men and women seeking to adopt by helping them find practical and expeditious adoption procedures; and
- Supporting reasonable efforts to close all New Mexico abortion clinics.



**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 12th day of January, 2021 by the Roosevelt County Board of Commissioners in an open meeting in Portales, New Mexico.

**BODY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO**

ATTEST:

Mandi M. Park  
Mandi Park, Roosevelt County Clerk



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Dennis Lopez – District I

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Rodney Savage – District II

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Lewis (Shane) Lee – District III

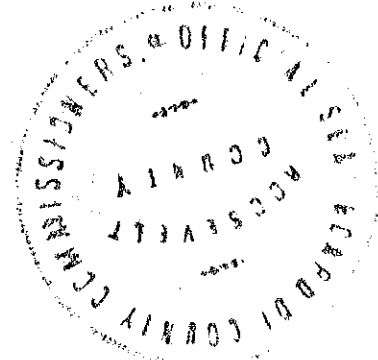
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Paul Grider – District V

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