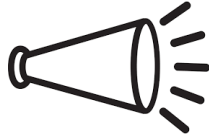


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Florida Voice for the Unborn Thanks Governor Ron DeSantis for Signing Historic Pro-Life Legislation Today and Calls Upon Him to Initiate Even More Aggressive Measures to Address Florida’s Horrendous Abortion Crisis

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement regarding the signing into law of Florida House Bill 5 (the 15-Week Abortion Ban):

“**Florida Voice for the Unborn** strongly commends pro-life Governor Ron DeSantis for keeping his promise to sign into law House Bill 5, which will end most Florida abortions after 15-weeks gestation once it goes into effect on July 1, 2022. This truly historic law will annually save an estimated 5,000 unborn children from being murdered here in Florida via brutal late-term abortions. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** anticipates that any legal challenges to the legislation – whether brought in federal or state court – will ultimately be unsuccessful.”

Shirvell continued, “As the founder and executive director of **Florida Voice for the Unborn**, I was honored to be present at the gubernatorial signing ceremony at *Nación de Fe* Church in Kissimmee on this Holy Thursday – just days before we celebrate the triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter/Resurrection Sunday. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** led the push for the 15-Week Abortion Ban when it became clear that the Florida Heartbeat Act – a much more stringent abortion ban modeled after the highly successful Texas law and introduced by state **Rep. Webster Barnaby (R—Volusia County)** – would not be able to pass during this year’s regular Legislative Session due to the legislative leadership’s obstruction.”

Shirvell concluded, “**Florida Voice for the Unborn** eagerly awaits the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which could overturn *Roe v. Wade* and permit Florida to fully protect the lives of unborn children from the moment of conception onward. If and when *Roe v. Wade* falls, nothing short of a near-total ban on abortions in Florida will be acceptable. Other ‘Red’ states, like Oklahoma, have already enacted such

aggressive lifesaving laws in anticipation of *Roe*'s demise. Florida must follow suit, especially since it has one of the highest abortion rates in the country.¹ In fact, 2021 will likely be a record-shattering year in terms of the number of recorded abortions in the Sunshine State. Preliminary figures, which will become final this July, already show that nearly 80,000 preborn babies were murdered via abortion in Florida just last year.² Although the legislation signed into law today is a positive step in the right direction, Florida cannot truly be a 'free state' until its most vulnerable – unborn children – are fully protected under the law. Accordingly, once the U.S. Supreme Court issues its decision in *Dobbs*, **Florida Voice for the Unborn** respectfully requests that Governor DeSantis initiate an immediate special Legislative Session to fully address Florida's abortion crisis – a crisis that has already festered far too long on his watch.”

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a Tallahassee-based grassroots lobbying group that only focuses on pro-life issues impacting the unborn. It is strictly independent, and its work is guided by faith in God's only Son, Jesus Christ. **Florida Voice for the Unborn** supports all peaceful efforts by elected officials and others to end abortion and save lives. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Parler @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.

¹ <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/abortion-rates-by-state>

² https://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/central_services/training_support/docs/TrimesterByReason_2021.pdf