## **Florida Voice**



## For The Unborn

## Florida Voice for the Unborn Condemns Pro-Life Governor Ron DeSantis' and Pro-Life Attorney General Ashley Moody's Inexcusable Failure to Halt Abortions During the Height of the Coronavirus Emergency

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Executive Director Andrew Shirvell today issued the following statement:

"As Governor Ron DeSantis begins to re-open Florida for business, Florida Voice for the Unborn sent an e-mail blast to its grassroots supporters throughout the state, reminding them that Florida abortion facilities never closed during the height of the coronavirus pandemic."

Shirvell continued, "The failure to temporarily stop abortions here in Florida rests squarely with pro-life Governor Ron DeSantis and pro-life Attorney General Ashley Moody. On March 25, 2020, I sent a formal letter to Attorney General Moody, requesting that she issue an immediate cease and desist order to all Florida abortion facilities in order to bring them into compliance with Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-72, filed March 20, 2020. Florida Voice for the Unborn then began a grassroots e-mail campaign directed at Attorney General Moody, reiterating that these places of death needed to be closed right away."

Shirvell further remarked, "Unfortunately, Attorney General Moody responded by 'passing the buck' and putting the onerous for enforcement of Executive Order 20-72 on the state Agency for Health Care Administration.<sup>1</sup> Shortly thereafter, Governor DeSantis made clear, through his spokesperson, that there would be no prohibition on Florida abortions during the coronavirus emergency."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/16GPYX1Rmfn1KarpAI48ATch7LS\_dZW7W/view</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20200402/coronavirus-florida-pro-life-groups-pressure-desantis-to-close-abortion-clinics</u>

Shirvell continued, "Governor DeSantis and Attorney General Moody betrayed the unborn by failing to lift a finger to stop hundreds of unborn babies from dying at the hands of Florida abortionists over the past month. During the emergency, other states, especially Texas, successfully banned abortions – and saved lives (both born and unborn) – by forcing abortion facilities to close, which thereby conserved precious medical resources. Governor DeSantis and Attorney General Moody were in a position to save innocent babies from being mercilessly executed via abortion, but they chose to look the other way. Grassroots pro-lifers are rightly asking why – despite electing a pro-life governor and a pro-life attorney general – Florida nonetheless ended-up no better than states like New York and New Jersey, where radical pro-abort politicians, who are firmly in control, gave their enthusiastic approval for abortions to continue during the emergency."

Shirvell concluded, "Governor DeSantis and Attorney General Moody need to do some sincere soul-searching. They have innocent blood on their hands. If they think that pro-lifers will simply forget about their lack of fidelity to the unborn, they are wrong. We will not forget. Going forward, we expect our pro-life governor and pro-life attorney general to do everything in their power to save as many unborn lives as possible. Nothing less is acceptable."

Florida Voice for the Unborn is a new grassroots Tallahassee-based 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, and Pinterest @UnbornVoiceFL – and visit our website at FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com.

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