

NAPN POLICY STATEMENT ON ABORTION

WHEREAS the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses is an organization of nurses who believe in the sanctity of human life,

BE IT RESOLVED that we support the refusal of nurses to participate in the willful destruction of life, in particular the life of the unborn child.

And WHEREAS science now promotes research and treatment for many diseases utilizing fetal tissue of aborted babies and we are opposed to this destruction,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Pro-life Nurses opposes such practices as those involving the destruction of human life to enhance the lives of the living.

And WHEREAS nurses are increasingly pressured to assist in abortions to which we are morally opposed,

BE IT RESOLVED that National Association of Pro-life Nurses will support and defend nurses who refuse to assist in procedures that kill an unborn child and will, therefore, offer encouragement and legal assistance for the defense of nurses who suffer job discrimination or termination because of their refusal to assist in abortions.

And WHEREAS the moral climate in America fosters a wanton disrespect for life,

BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Pro-life Nurses will use its medical knowledge and resources available to publicly decry abortion and offer alternative solutions to abortion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of Pro-life Nurses will work to promote legislation that will protect the lives of the unborn. This organization does not condone violence toward abortionists or their clinics, but will approach those with opposing viewpoints with professionalism and courtesy.

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