

A Resolution of the City of San Clemente, CA

**Declaring the City of San Clemente as a Sanctuary for Life**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, the City of San Clemente stands in agreement with the Supreme Court of the United States' recent decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and appreciate the Court's decision to provide respect to state and local governments by allowing them to decide if the lives of our unborn will be protected. The functioning of the American Republic is respected and restored by the Court's decision; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence affirms that all men are created equal and have been endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights, chief among them the right to life, and that the protection of these rights is an affirmative duty of federal, state, and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution provide for the protection of all human life and liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of the United States in Poelker v. Doe, 432 U.S. 519 (1977), concluded that the Constitution does not forbid a state or county or city, pursuant to democratic processes, from expressing a preference for normal childbirth instead of abortion; and

**WHEREAS**, state police power derives from the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives states the power not delegated to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the power to establish and enforce laws protecting the welfare, safety, and health of the public is a core function of the state's Tenth Amendment police power, which includes the local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente, considers life to begin at conception. This is proven by the multiplication of cells which is evidence that life is forming and a separate living human being is beginning to develop; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente, desires to express its deep concern that all human life, beginning from life inside the womb, through every stage of development, up and until a natural death, in City of San Clemente should be afforded protection by their government, including local government, from acts of cruelty, and should be treated humanely and with dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, there are instances where medical intervention is necessary and difficult decisions are required. City Council of San Clemente, believe the following: 1) emergency medical interventions performed to protect the life of the mother and/or unborn are decisions only to be made and decided on by the doctor and mother without government intervention. The City Council of San Clemente takes a neutral position out of respect for those involved, and 2) instances of rape/incest are criminal matters and those decisions are

to be decided on by doctor/victim without government intervention. In such cases a full criminal investigation shall be conducted by the Orange County Sheriffs Dept. The City of San Clemente takes a neutral position out of respect for those involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente, stands firmly against the presence in the City of Planned Parenthood clinics or any other clinics where abortion is practiced at will and on demand. Any procedures that need to be performed in regards to protecting the health of a mother will take place in a local hospital under the care of a physician; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente stands firmly against any medications which cause a miscarriage. We do so, not only to protect the developing child but also to protect the mother of any adverse reactions that these drugs may cause; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente supports the use of the abortion pill reversal protocol by protecting doctors who prescribe this treatment at the request of their patients who want to continue their pregnancy and want to try to reverse an in-process medication abortion. No woman should be forced to continue an abortion she does not want; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of San Clemente, condemns voluntary abortion practices used for any reason and believe that the intentional killing of an innocent human life is never acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAN CLEMENTE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the City Council of San Clemente, hereby recognizes and declares the full humanity of the preborn child through all states of life up and until a natural death and declares the City of San Clemente, to be a sanctuary for life where the dignity of every human being will be defended and promoted from life inside the womb through all stages of development in life up and until a natural death.
2. That the City Council of San Clemente, hereby resolves to enforce this resolution by all means within its power and authority, in accordance with its responsibility as the people's elected local representatives.
3. That the City Council of San Clemente, hereby stand on this resolution to not only protect life, but also to honor God, who gives life. We believe that life is God-ordained and God is the author and finisher of every life. No matter if at the beginning or at the end. We stand in agreement that, as a City Council, we will protect and sustain life at every stage. As we ask God to bless America, we first have to honor and respect God. By protecting life and passing this resolution we feel that we do both.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2022.

Mayor of the City of San Clemente

Clerk of the City of San Clemente

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