

Resolution Regarding the Current state of Abortion in Pennsylvania since Roe Overturned

Whereas on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overruled *Roe v Wade* and *Casey v Planned Parenthood*, stating that “The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision” (Samuel Alito), and

Whereas this action does not automatically change existing law in our state, where 30,000 abortions happen annually, and

Whereas a lawsuit brought on by the abortion industry (*Allegheny Reproductive Health v Pa. Dept. of Human Services*) threatens every current pro-life limit on abortion already in place in Pennsylvania, such as no abortions after 24 weeks, a 24-hour waiting period, informed and parental consent, as well as no taxpayer funding, and

Whereas both chambers of the PA General Assembly passed the Life Amendment, Senators Judy Ward and Donna Oberland being the prime sponsors, and

Whereas this amendment is in direct response to the lawsuit previously mentioned, thus hindering the invention of a “right to abortion,” and

Whereas this amendment would preserve the rights of the people through their representatives to make these decisions rather than Pennsylvania’s courts, and

Whereas this amendment must be voted on a second time in the next legislative session, beginning in 2023, and would then go to a referendum vote by Pennsylvania Citizens,

Therefore Be It Resolved that we the messengers of the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in State College, Pennsylvania, on September 12-14, 2022, do hereby commend Senators Ward and Oberland for their strong leadership in helping move this legislation forward, as well as the PA General Assembly for passing the Life Amendment.

Be It Further Resolved that, being mindful of the fact that abortion is murder and, therefore, condemned by the Word of God, we encourage our churches to pray for the advancement of this life-saving legislation which, if passed, could not be vetoed by the Governor.

We Further Resolve to encourage the next legislature to also follow suit and pass this amendment.

We Finally Resolve to begin the process of praying for the time when God’s people in our Commonwealth may be called upon to vote for this important Amendment.