

## HOUSE PROCLAMATION

Whereas, on January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled in the cases of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton that states may not enforce laws prohibiting abortion; and

Whereas, in the forty years since those decisions, the lives of over fifty million preborn children have been terminated; and

Whereas, many mothers have been physically and psychologically harmed by abortion; and

Whereas, women have faced dangerous conditions and substandard medical care in abortion clinics across the country, including at least one Arizona clinic where a woman needlessly lost her life after a botched abortion; and

Whereas, countless women and men live with the emotional scars of the tragic and painful choice to have an abortion; and

Whereas, no right to abortion is rooted in the traditions of the American people and no national right to abortion is conferred by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton have no basis in the text or history of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, human life founded on inherent and inalienable rights is entitled to the full protection of law and due process and the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decisions have failed to protect the lives of preborn children.

## Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

- 1. That the Members of the House of Representatives express their sorrow at the loss of life and the physical and psychological harm caused by forty years of legalized abortion.
- 2. That the Members of the House of Representatives shall make every effort to secure for preborn children at every stage of development all the rights, privileges, and immunities available to persons, citizens, and residents of this State, until the decisional interpretations of the United States Constitution by the United States Supreme Court provide protection for every human being.
- 3. That the Members of the House of Representatives shall make the health and safety of women in this State a priority by requiring that abortion providers meet standards that protect women from unsanitary facilities and unsafe practices.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2013,

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