# State of Arizona

# Senate 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 United States 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 United States Supreme Court's abortion decisions have failed to protect the lives of preborn children.

**Now, Therefore, be it resolved** that the undersigned Members of the Legislature:

1. Express their sorrow at the loss of life and the physical and psychological harm caused by forty years of legalized abortion.

2. Shall make every effort to secure for preborn children at every stage of development all of 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. 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,