

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE WASKOM, TEXAS A  
"SANCTUARY CITY FOR THE UNBORN"

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States of America, states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Life being the first of these declared rights; and

WHEREAS, the preamble of the United States Constitutions "secure[s] all of the blessing of Liberty to ourselves and our 'Posterity'", which is defined as "Descendants; children, children's children, etc. indefinitely..." and "in a general sense, succeeding generations..." (Webster's American Dictionary of the English Language, 1828); and

WHEREAS, said Constitution states in the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of **life**, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws" (emphasis ours); and

WHEREAS, as recently as March 2017, the American College of Pediatricians published an Abstract stating that "The predominance of human biological research confirms that human life begins at conception - fertilization. At fertilization, the human being emerges genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism, a member of the species Homo sapiens, needing only the proper environment to grow and develop. The difference between the individual in its adult state and in its zygotic state is one of form, not nature"; and

WHEREAS, each and every innocent human life is unique and precious to God; and

WHEREAS, human life begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; and

WHEREAS, innocent human life must always be protected and preserved; and

WHEREAS, the protection of all human life is important to the people of the City of Waskom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WASKOM, TEXAS, that we declare that innocent human life, including fetal life at every stage of gestation, must always be protected and that Society must protect those who cannot protect themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that it declare its opposition to any compromise by the Texas Legislature on abortion.