

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.22

Rep. Meerman offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to affirm the right to life of every unborn child
2 in this state and call for the enforcement of all laws regulating
3 or limiting the practice of abortion.

4 Whereas, A fundamental role of government is to protect the
5 unalienable rights of citizens. This nation was founded on the
6 principle that the right to life is among these rights possessed by
7 every human being. Founding father Thomas Jefferson declared, "The
8 care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the
9 first and only legitimate object of good government."; and

10 Whereas, Abortions reject the core moral principles of our
11 nation by destroying innocent living and developing human beings
12 who are no different than every born citizen of this state. Science
13 and medicine have definitively established that each individual

1 human life begins when fertilization occurs, which is a factual
2 determination and not a matter of opinion or religious belief; and

3 Whereas, The state of Michigan has a long and unbroken history
4 of protecting unborn children. Michigan has continuously had a law
5 prohibiting abortions in effect since 1846, as currently found in
6 section 14 of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.14.

7 While the United States Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade* limits the
8 enforcement of Michigan's abortion prohibition, it continues to be
9 the policy of the state of Michigan to proscribe abortions; and

10 Whereas, The people of Michigan have expressed their objection
11 to abortions when presented with opportunities to change it. The
12 people affirmed the prohibition on abortion in a 1972 statewide
13 referendum which proposed to legalize abortion through 20 weeks of
14 pregnancy. The referendum was overwhelmingly rejected with a vote
15 of 61 percent to 39 percent against the proposal; and

16 Whereas, The Michigan Constitution was ordained to secure the
17 blessings of freedom, among them the right to life, for ourselves
18 and our posterity, which undoubtedly includes our children - born,
19 unborn, and not yet conceived; and

20 Whereas, Abortion represents a failure of society to support
21 and empower women to embrace their unborn children; now, therefore,
22 be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we affirm the
24 right to life of every unborn child in this state and our support
25 for the legal protection for each unborn child codified in section
26 14 of the Michigan Penal Code; and be it further

27 Resolved, That we exhort the Attorney General, all law
28 enforcement officials, and state regulatory personnel to enforce
29 all laws regulating or limiting the practice of abortion until such

1 time that complete legal protection is restored to unborn children
2 in Michigan; and be it further

3 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
4 Governor and Attorney General of Michigan.