

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Senators Theis, MacDonald, Zorn, Bizon, Victory, Daley, Bumstead, LaSata, Nesbitt, Horn, Lauwers, McBroom, Stamas, VanderWall, Shirkey and Runestad 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

1 who are no different than every born citizen of this state. Science  
2 and medicine have definitively established that each individual  
3 human life begins when fertilization occurs, which is a factual  
4 determination and not a matter of opinion or religious belief; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

29       Resolved, That we exhort the Attorney General, all law

1 enforcement officials, and state regulatory personnel to enforce  
2 all laws regulating or limiting the practice of abortion until such  
3 time that complete legal protection is restored to unborn children  
4 in Michigan; and be it further

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