



Resolution Seeking Support for Pro-Life Amendment 1

Whereas Scripture teaches that each person is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27); and

Whereas God recognizes and places special value on unborn human life (Psalm 139:13-16, Luke 1:41); and

Whereas Christians are called to respect and protect all life (Exodus 1:15-17, Proverbs 24:11); and

Whereas Christians are commanded to be salt and light to our communities (Matthew 5:13-16); and to repent of our own sin humbly asking God's mercy and healing for our nations (II Chronicles 7:14);

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Supreme Court's ruling in 2000 found a right to abortion is implicit in the State Constitution; and

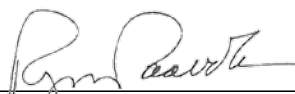
WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 127 proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Tennessee to confirm that, "Nothing in this Constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion"; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 127 further retains the rights of the people of Tennessee, through their elected representatives in the General Assembly to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion and the protection of life; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 127 will be brought before the people of Tennessee for their consideration known as Constitutional Amendment 1 on the ballot of November 2014; therefore be it

Resolved, That the leadership of the Mid-South District LCMS and the Pastors of the East Region of the Mid-South District LCMS lead by example in affirming the value of unborn human life and the dignity of vulnerable mothers throughout the state of Tennessee; and be it further

Resolved, That the leadership of the Mid-South District LCMS and the Pastors of the East Region of the Mid-South District LCMS encourage congregation members to actively pray and work for the passage of the pro-life Amendment 1 in November 2014.



Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

May 14, 2014

Date