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OPPOSING REVERSAL OF THE HYDE AMENDMENT, THE GLOBAL PROTECT ACT POLICY (FORMERLY THE MEXICO CITY POLICY) AND THE PROTECT LIFE RULE.

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has initiated efforts to change various policies and laws regarding the public funding of abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has begun the process for congressional action to repeal the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has issued an Executive Order repealing the Global Protect Life Policy, formerly the Mexico City Policy, which precludes the use of federal funds to pay for overseas abortions through various federal funding programs; and

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration has instructed the Department of Health and Human Services to begin the process to change regulations to overturn the Protect Life Rule, which protects taxpayers from publicly funding abortion businesses through the Title X program; and

1 WHEREAS, the right to life is the first declared
2 right in our nation's founding document, the Declaration of
3 Independence; and

4 WHEREAS, we believe human life is unique and
5 precious to God, to be protected and preserved; and

6 WHEREAS, since 1977, the Hyde Amendment has
7 prohibited the use of taxpayer funds to pay for abortions, the
8 constitutionality of which was upheld by the U.S. Supreme
9 Court in *Harris v. McRae*, 448 U.S. 297 (1980); and

10 WHEREAS, by Executive Order, the Trump
11 Administration restored the Global Protect Life Policy,
12 formerly the Mexico City Rule, forbidding foreign aid to be
13 used to fund abortion; and

14 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services
15 passed regulations, the Protect Life Rule, to prohibit the use
16 of federal funds in programs that use abortion as a method of
17 family planning through Title X; and

18 WHEREAS, the enactment of policies or laws requiring
19 taxpayer funds to pay for abortions will result in direct
20 grants and assistance to Planned Parenthood and other
21 pro-abortion providers that have racially discriminatory
22 policies, promote abortions among the poor, exploit young
23 girls, and cover up criminal activity; and

24 WHEREAS, notwithstanding the legalization of
25 abortion by *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the issue has
26 remained sensitive and divisive for all Americans; and

1 WHEREAS, 77 percent of Americans oppose using
2 taxpayer dollars for abortions overseas and 58 percent of
3 Americans oppose using taxpayer dollars to fund abortions in
4 the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has a strong public
6 policy against abortion having enacted Article I, Section
7 36.06, of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, recognizing the
8 sanctity of unborn life and its protection under all laws, and
9 having enacted the Alabama Human Life Protection Act, Section
10 26-23H-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, which prohibits
11 abortion; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama opposes any use of
13 taxpayer funds on both the federal and state levels for the
14 funding of abortion or abortion businesses; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we oppose the repeal of the
17 Hyde Amendment and encourage the U.S. Congress to maintain its
18 policy against the federal funding of abortions.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we oppose Health and
20 Human Services' administrative action to repeal the Protect
21 Life Rule that will permit the funding of abortions through
22 Title X programs.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage the U.S.
24 Congress to address the Biden Administration's Executive Order
25 repealing the Global Protect Life Policy, formerly known as
26 the Mexico City Policy, by enacting legislation that prohibits
27 the use of American tax dollars to fund abortions overseas.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the U.S. Congress take
2 all further and different action as shall be appropriate and
3 necessary for the protection of unborn life in America.