

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PEARL, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING THE CITY OF PEARL TO BE A SAFE CITY FOR PREBORN CHILDREN AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF PEARL TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF ALL INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS AT EVERY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that all people are created equal and have been endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights – chief among them the right to life – and that the protection of these rights is an affirmative duty of federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution provide for the protection of human life and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States in *Poelker v. Doe* (432 US 519, 1977) concluded that “the Constitution does not forbid a State or city, pursuant to democratic processes, from expressing a preference for normal childbirth” instead of abortion; and

WHEREAS, state police power derives from the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives states the powers “not delegated to the United States,” and

WHEREAS, the power to establish and enforce laws protecting the welfare, safety, and health of the public is a core function of the state’s police power; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 14 of the Constitution of State of Mississippi states that “no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property except by due process of law”; and

WHEREAS, this City desires to express its deep concern that all human beings, at every stage of development, including before birth, in the city of Pearl should be afforded protection from acts of cruelty, and be treated humanely and with dignity.

The above and foregoing proposed resolution as set forth below, after having been first reduced to writing and being considered by the Governing Authorities upon proper motion by Alderman McHenry and seconded by Alderman Steverson, no Alderman having requested that the proposed resolution be read by the City Clerk, and was adopted by the following vote:

Alderman McHenry: "Yea"
Alderman Lockett: "Yea"
Alderman Sartor: "No"
Alderman Steverson: "Yea"
Alderman Foy: "Yea"
Alderman Thompson: "Yea"
Alderman Gill: "Yea"

WHEREAS the subject resolution received the required number of positive votes and being adopted by majority vote of all the Board of Aldermen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF PEARL,

Section 1. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for the City hereby recognize and declare the humanity of the preborn child and urges the citizens of Pearl to encourage the humane treatment of all human beings, including the preborn child, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all human life.

Section 2. Based upon the desire to be recognized as a safe city for preborn children, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen hereby declare the City of Pearl to be a "Safe City for Preborn Children."

Approved and passed this, the 1st day of October, 2019.

CITY OF PEARL, MISSISSIPPI

By: 

Jake Windham, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Kelly Scouten, City Clerk (SEAL)

