

AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019, AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THEREOF;

PRESENT: Lauren D. Yoder, Chairman; Joe D. Turman, Vice Chairman; Jerry W. Boothe, W. Justin Coleman, Linda D. Kuchenbuch, Board Members; Terri W. Morris, County Administrator; Cynthia B. Ryan, Assistant County Administrator.

The following action was taken:

On a motion of Supervisor Coleman, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution

RIGHT TO LIFE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: House Bill 2491 of the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly (the "Bill") was proposed to amend current legislatively approved medical processes required for abortions taking place after the second trimester of pregnancy by eliminating all time restrictions on the practice, and;

WHEREAS: The Bill would remove important procedural safeguards and standards for under which such abortions are allowed to take place, to wit:

For abortions during first and second trimester of pregnancy, the requirement that facilities in which abortions are performed must be classified as a category of "hospital" was removed;

For abortions AFTER second trimester of pregnancy:

- The requirement for three physicians to certify the need for the abortion was reduced to one,
- The requirement that continuation of the pregnancy be "likely to substantially and irremediably impair the mental or physical health of the woman" was changed to "likely to impair the mental or physical health of the woman",
- The requirement for an ultrasound was removed; the offer for the woman to hear the fetal heart tones was removed; the definition of "informed written consent" was removed,
- The requirement that the Department of Health publish printed materials to be made available free of charge, informing the woman of free services available to assist her through pregnancy, upon childbirth, and while the child is dependent, and giving accurate scientific information about the human fetus at the various gestational ages, was removed, and;

WHEREAS: On the record testimony from the sponsor of the Bill supports the logical extension that the Bill, if at some point adopted, will permit abortion even during the process of labor and delivery; and;

WHEREAS: Science has proven that the fetus has a DNA sequence distinct from his mother's and therefore qualifies as an individual and separate human being, and;

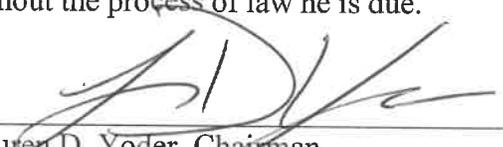
WHEREAS: The Right To Life is affirmed as unalienable in the founding documents of the United States, and;

WHEREAS: House Bill 2491 of the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly was tabled in the 2019 session, it or a similar Bill will likely be proposed in a future Session, and;

WHEREAS: The Floyd County Board of Supervisors does not support the passage of any bill that allows the taking of human life without due process of law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FLOYD COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

That the Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the right to life of all human beings and opposes the Bill and any similar measure that would undermine the value of human life by taking the life of any human being, at any stage of his life, without the process of law he is due.



Lauren D. Yoder, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST 
Terri W. Morris, County Administrator and
Clerk to Floyd County Board of Supervisors