

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2018, Legislative Day No. 34

Resolution No. 30-18

Introduced by Mr. Peroutka

By the County Council, July 16, 2018

1 RESOLUTION recognizing and declaring the humanity of preborn children and urging
2 the citizens of Anne Arundel County to encourage the humane treatment of all human
3 beings, including preborn children, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all
4 human life

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6 WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that all human beings have
7 been created equal, that every human being has been endowed by the Creator with
8 unalienable rights, and that the protection of these rights is an affirmative duty of
9 federal, state and local governments; and

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

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14 WHEREAS, surgery on preborn children, a growing branch of medicine, indicates
15 that modern medical science recognizes preborn children as human beings; and

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17 WHEREAS, in cases of murder or manslaughter, State law has recognized, in some
18 cases, that a preborn child is a human being and, as such, is entitled to legal
19 protection; and

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21 WHEREAS, many women who have intentionally terminated a pregnancy are
22 physically and emotionally damaged as a result; and

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24 WHEREAS, many women who have intentionally terminated a pregnancy have
25 done so believing that their preborn child was not a human being; and

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27 WHEREAS, this County Council, in previous bills, has expressed its concern
28 regarding cruelty to dogs, and that outdoor cats be afforded protection, and debated
29 a measure designed to prevent cruelty to elephants; and

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31 WHEREAS, this County Council now desires to express its deep concern that all
32 human beings in Anne Arundel County, including preborn children, should be
33 afforded protection from acts of cruelty, and be treated humanely and with dignity;
34 and

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36 WHEREAS, the future welfare of Anne Arundel County requires that the humanity
37 of preborn children be recognized and that the humane and dignified treatment of
38 preborn human beings be encouraged; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That the County
2 Council hereby recognizes and declares the humanity of preborn children and urges the
3 citizens of Anne Arundel County to encourage the humane treatment of all human beings,
4 including preborn children, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all human life;
5 and be it further

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7 *Resolved,* That the County Council, as the Board of Health, instructs the Health Officer
8 to submit a report annually on the available data regarding intentional terminations of
9 pregnancies in the County; available research on the emotional, physical, and
10 psychological impacts of these terminations on the mother; and public health efforts to
11 reduce the incidence of these terminations; and

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13 *Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Steven R. Schuh, County Executive;
14 and Frances B. Phillips, R.N., M.H.A., health Officer.