

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution – In Support of “Heartbeat Bill” Legislation

PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1.) Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution supporting “Heartbeat Bill” Legislation.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to adopt the Resolution as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of “Heartbeat Bill” Legislation.

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RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF HEARTBEAT BILL LEGISLATION

- WHEREAS**, fourteen state legislatures have passed “Heartbeat Bill” legislation protecting the youngest members of the human family whose heartbeats can be detected; and
- WHEREAS**, these legislative bills disallow the use of abortion procedures after an unborn child’s heartbeat is detectable; usually no later than six weeks following conception; and
- WHEREAS**, the presence of a heartbeat is a universal and scientific accepted indicator that life does exist; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court case of Gonzalez vs. Carhart ruled as a “finding of fact” that a living person is legally recognized as existing from the time a heartbeat is detected even if the person is unborn; and
- WHEREAS** the existence of a heartbeat is a specific and scientific determination that is defensible and is not based on the changing and ambiguous concept of “fetal viability”; and
- WHEREAS** the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees every person “life, liberty, and property” as well as equal protection under the law; and
- WHEREAS**, it is the position of the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that Constitutional protections should be guaranteed to every living person, including the unborn, that are unable to express or defend themselves; and
- WHEREAS**, the state of North Carolina averages 27,400 abortions each year, many of which occur after the development of a heartbeat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners endorse the passage of “Heartbeat Bill” legislation in North Carolina and that this endorsement includes a reporting and verification process consistent with that passed by other States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Henderson County Resolution be forwarded to all members of the General Assembly including the Honorable Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Honorable Phil Berger, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Chuck Edwards, Representatives Tim Moffitt, Jake Johnson, and the Council of State, including Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, and Governor Roy Cooper.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of January 2022.

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD