

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1606

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION condemning the enactment of the
2 Reproductive Health Act by the state of New York, because it violates
3 the life and well-being of a woman and her unborn child.

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5 WHEREAS, The people of Kansas, as a matter of public policy, value
6 and seek to protect all human life, from fertilization as stated in K.S.A.
7 65-6732, and amendments thereto; and

8 WHEREAS, The state of Kansas values the lives of the mother and
9 the unborn child in the womb and seeks to protect both from abuse and
10 violence; and

11 WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act expands abortion past 24
12 weeks of pregnancy and allows abortions up to the moment of birth, if
13 "the abortion is necessary to protect the patient's life or health." This
14 terminology allows a woman to claim minimal mental or societal effects
15 as a reason for an abortion, up to the very moment of birth; and

16 WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act allows not just physicians
17 but also licensed nurse practitioners, physician assistants and licensed
18 midwives to perform abortions, and thus, removing important safety
19 protections from women; and

20 WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act repealed vital protections
21 for an unborn child who is born alive and who survives an abortion
22 attempt; and

23 WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act repealed all protections
24 from criminal acts of violence against a woman's unborn child, leaving
25 citizens no legal recourse for the killing of any child in the womb in the
26 state of New York; and

27 WHEREAS, The Reproductive Health Act lessens the consequences
28 for perpetrators of domestic violence, when their actions cause the death
29 of a woman's unborn child, thereby inciting abusive behavior towards a
30 pregnant woman; and

31 WHEREAS, The state of New York celebrated the passage of the
32 Reproductive Health Act by turning the lights pink on the Freedom
33 Tower. This structure, a symbol of freedom for our entire nation, includes

1 the names of 10 mothers with the inscription "and her unborn child," each
2 of whom were killed during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on
3 the World Trade Center; and

4 WHEREAS, At least four other states are considering legislation that
5 is similar to the Reproductive Health Act: Now, therefore,

6 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of*
7 *Representatives concurring therein:* That the state of Kansas hereby
8 condemns the Reproductive Health Act of New York and all similar laws
9 in other states as violating the fundamental principles and values of the
10 state of Kansas and of this nation. We call on legislators and executive
11 officials of New York to reinstitute protections for women and unborn
12 children in their state. Further, we call on legislators and executive
13 officials in all fifty states to ascribe inherent value to all human life and
14 reject any legislation like the Reproductive Health Act that would incite
15 abuse and violence toward women and their unborn children; and

16 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
17 enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor of New York and to each
18 member of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly.