



Pikes Peak Citizens For Life

# Lifeline

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family - young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

February 2022

## 2022 ELECTION CAUCUSES

An Opportunity to use  
Your VOICE & VOTE for LIFE

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life encourages YOU to attend this year's political caucuses.

**REPUBLICANS: Tuesday March 1 at 7 pm**

<https://caucus.cologop.org/> (GOP locator)

or call (303) 758-3333 to find your caucus location

**DEMOCRATS: Saturday March 5 at 2 pm.**

<https://coloradodems.org/2020-caucus-locations/>

or call (303) 623-4762 to find your caucus location

This is YOUR OPPORTUNITY to select pro-life delegates and support pro-life resolutions – while opposing all that is anti-life.

## Pro-Life Resolutions

Offering pro-life resolutions at your caucus meeting is a critical step toward bring about a culture of life in society and in political parties.

In the boxes at right are examples of one short and two more detailed resolutions. Feel free to use these pro-life resolutions “as is” or as templates to write your own resolution.

Visit our website blog [website blog](#) for more examples of resolutions for other LIFE issues you may wish to address such as:

- Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn
- Physician Assisted Death
- Ending taxpayer funded Abortion.

If you are nervous about offering a resolution at your caucus, please try to find someone else who will be attending your caucus and would be willing to offer pro-life resolutions.

**Don't lose this opportunity to promote life. Please attend your caucus and support pro-life resolutions and delegates.**

### RESOLUTION FOR LIFE

**Believing in the founding principles of this nation – that all human beings are “created equal”** with respect to their natural and “unalienable” right to life and, therefore, are entitled to equal recognition under the law. WE HEREBY:

AFFIRM support for a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution  
ENDORSE legislation making clear that 14th Amendment protections apply regardless of size, age, illness, intellectual capacity or physical ability;

OPPOSE the use of public revenues for abortion and for cloning of, or destructive experimentation on, any human being, from the single-celled stage until natural death;

COMMEND those who provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion, assisted suicide (physician prescribed death) or euthanasia.

We RESPECTFULLY ask all delegates and alternates to vote to adopt a plank which states: **“On behalf of the most vulnerable members of our society, we call for the legal protection of the preborn, the disabled, the elderly, and the ill.”**

### CONSCIENCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”; and

WHEREAS the intent of the First Amendment was to protect religion from government intrusions; and

WHEREAS the original colonists had fled to America to escape such tyrannical intrusion; and

WHEREAS the same kind of tyrannical erosion of religious liberty is becoming more and more egregious in our nation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **no people should be compelled to act in violation of their religious, ethical or professional consciences nor be discriminated against if they refuse to act in violation of the consciences**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no church or religious affiliated group be compelled to act in violation of its teachings or suffer consequences if they refuse to act in violation of its teachings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three branches of federal government be called upon to insure the protection of the consciences and religious liberty of all its citizens and institutions.

**Resolution for the Sanctity of Life** – Be it resolved that we call for the legal protection & dignity of the preborn, the disabled, the elderly, & the ill. We further condemn assisted suicide & euthanasia, & support the belief that life begins at conception.

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### To schedule a PPCFL Presentation

Julie Bailey (719) 630-1999

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## The President's Corner

In the past couple weeks the value of life has been extolled in marches and events across the nation.

In Colorado, thousands gathered in Denver on January 15th for the *Celebrate Life Rally and March*. **That crowd included many of you, traveling in cars and buses to the state capitol steps** to be inspired by several speakers and witness for life in the march.

The next day PPCFL sponsored Michelle Lyman at our *Together for Life* event. Michelle, who survived an abortion attempt, told us her remarkable story. **Had Michelle not survived the attempt on her life, her ten children would never have come to be, a stark reminder of the devastation caused by abortion.**

The following day, January 17th, Michelle was the featured speaker at the *Rocky Mountain March for Life* here in Colorado Springs. Over two hundred people witnessed to life on the march which began at the local Planned Parenthood, went east on Fillmore over I-25, then south to Corpus Christi Church.

**Thank you to all of you who participated in any way in these public witnesses of the value of life!**

Our next opportunity to support life in the public arena is with the 2022 caucuses. **Caucuses represent the grassroots entry point for our political system. They provide an excellent and fundamental way for us to encourage the protection of life** by advocating for candidates that defend life and proposing resolutions that direct the political parties towards a culture of life.

Please mark your calendars and try to attend the caucus for your particular political party and precinct. This year the **Republicans will be holding their caucuses on Tuesday March 1** at 7 pm, and the **Democrats will hold their caucuses on Saturday March 5** at 2 pm. You will need to contact your party to learn where your specific precinct will be meeting. Go prepared to offer one or more resolutions (examples in this newsletter).

See the [Secretary of State website for a FAQ about caucuses](#). Also, check back on the [PPCFL website](#) for more examples of resolutions and other information to help you at the caucuses.

**Thank you in advance for putting a couple hours aside in early March to help the cause for life!**

*Matt*



Join your fellow Pro-Life witnesses as we pray and work to end abortion in Colorado Springs. The Vigil is held daily at the sidewalk near Planned Parenthood (on Centennial north of Fillmore).

For more information, contact Michele Mason at [prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com](mailto:prolifefamilyof15@gmail.com) download the *40 Days for Life* phone app. or visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/coloradosprings>

Training is available to help sidewalk witnesses become effective pro-life advocates. Contact Julie Bailey at [jp@baileypeople.com](mailto:jp@baileypeople.com) for information.

# CO Reps Seek to Codify Killing in the Name of “Equity”

By Julie Baley, PPCFL Vice President

As reported in Colorado news sources since early December\*, several state legislators intend to introduce a bill during the current legislative session which, if adopted, will codify abortion access in Colorado state law.

The measure, referred to as the *Reproductive Health Equity Act*, is co-sponsored by Sen. Julie Gonzales of Denver, Rep. Meg Froelich of Greenwood Village and House Majority Leader Daneya Esgar of Pueblo.

The proposed Colorado legislation is a direct response to the perception by abortion supporters that the U.S. Supreme Court is poised to overturn *Roe v Wade* (and other federal cases that liberalized abortion policy) with their review of the *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization* case which addresses a Mississippi law prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks gestation.

The Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding *Dobbs v Jackson* on December 1st. Based on study of the transcripts of those arguments, many believe **the justices may hand down a decision that returns the making of abortion policy to the state legislatures.** Their decision is expected in June.

According to the referenced article, language for the *Reproductive Health Equity Act* is not yet available. Similarly, at press time, no details were available as to when the measure would be introduced or into which committee. **Representatives of several pro-life organizations across the state, including PPCFL, are preparing to testify in opposition to this measure as soon as those details are available.**

Much of the press coverage claims that Coloradoans don’t want restrictions on abortion. They posit that since abortion restrictions have been defeated at the ballot box several times, we, the pro-life folks of Colorado, should just sit down and be quiet. **However, they fail to mention that each time a Colorado pro-life measure is defeated, the margin gets tighter.**

In the last instance, with Proposition 115, we attempted to stop abortion at 22 weeks (at which time the preborn are not only viable but feel pain). The pro-aborts outspent pro-life forces by \$9 million to win by less than 10% (59% voted against.)

They also neglect to mention a fact that we became painfully aware of during the fight to pass 115: **most Coloradoans have no idea what Colorado law currently permits – abortion through all 9 months.**

Many of those who gathered signatures for petitions and had subsequent conversations with fellow citizens discovered that most voters in Colorado believed abortion was not legal beyond the first trimester. They were incredulous when told that Colorado does not limit abortions beyond requiring parental notification in the case of minors seeking abortions.

We must continue to have these critical conversations with family, friends, and neighbors.

**We will never sit down and be quiet. Too much is at stake. This is, literally, a life or death issue.**

\*Ref: Colorado Politics, Marianne Goodland  
[\(“Colorado Democratic lawmakers to sponsor bill upholding women’s right to abortion in 2022 session”](#)  
 12 Jan 2022

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**We ARE Together for Life**

By Julie Baley, PPCFL Vice President

The third weekend in January was packed full of pro-life activities. We hope you were able to join us for one or more of them.

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, pro-life warriors from Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region were among the **5000 who Celebrated Life at the March around the Colorado State Capitol.**

The event, sponsored by *Respect Life Denver*, featured great speakers including Dr. Donald Sweeting, President of Colorado Christian University, and inspiring performers including the Saint John Vianney Seminary Choir.

In spite of Friday's snow, Saturday proved to be a beautiful, sunny, Colorado day. The marchers prayed, sang, carried signs and banners, and occasionally chanted "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Roe v Wade has got to go!"

**Many commented on the hope inspired by seeing so many young people and young families.**

On Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, *Pikes Peak Citizens for Life* hosted its annual commemoration of **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** in memory of the tragic Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973.

Many thanks to *Holy Apostles Catholic Church* for hosting this year's event.

We were blessed to hear the compelling story of Michelle Lyman who survived a back-alley, coat hanger abortion and shared how she, like George Bailey of the *It's a Wonderful Life* movie, discovered every life is a gift. **(We hope to load Michelle's talk on our Facebook page – stay tuned.)**

Finally, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, another picture-perfect Colorado Day, over 250 of the faithful gathered to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and pray and march for life.

As it always does, the *Rocky Mountain March for Life* began with a rally on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood with prayer, speeches, and inspiration.

Michelle Lyman joined us as did Congressman Doug Lamborn. Just before we stepped off, Father Joe Dygart shared his observation that we must remember our whole movement is about loving those to whom we hope to impart the pro-life message.

**Whatever we do, we must always remember that we are Pro-Woman, Pro-Life, and Pro-Love.**