

A resolution urging all South Dakotans to oppose Amendment G, inserting a “right to abortion” in the Constitution of South Dakota

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has certified Constitutional Amendment G to appear on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 general election in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Amendment G would place in the state constitution a right to take the life of a preborn child by means of abortion at any stage of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would allow painful, late-term abortions up until the moment of birth; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is an attack on both the letter and the spirit of the South Dakota Constitution’s Bill of Rights, which proclaims “No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law.” (Article VI, Section 2); and

WHEREAS, the amendment would endanger the lives of women by invalidating laws and regulations designed to protect the health and safety of patients; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would take away the right of parents to be aware of when their minor daughter is pregnant and being pressured into an abortion; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would lead to more coerced abortions by overriding numerous statutes designed to protect women and girls from being pressured into abortion; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would take away the right of the people, acting through their elected representatives, to establish wise public policies pertaining to abortion; and

WHEREAS, the amendment contradicts the principles of the South Dakota Republican Party platform, which affirms the sanctity of all human life and opposes abortion in all forms; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 South Dakota legislative resolution condemning the abortion amendment (HCR 6008) received the unanimous support of elected Republicans in the House and Senate who voted on the measure:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Republican Party of South Dakota that it stands in strong opposition to Amendment G and urges all citizens of this great state to vote against this dangerous measure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of South Dakota urges all party members and Republican organizations to lend whatever practical support they can to assist in the campaign to defeat Amendment G.

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