

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1606

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United States.

WHEREAS, The life-affirming impact of pregnancy maintenance resource centers on the women, men, children and communities they serve is considerable and growing; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers serve women in Kansas and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

WHEREAS, More than 2,500 pregnancy maintenance resource centers across the United States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers offer women free, confidential and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community, health care and support services; and

WHEREAS, Many medical pregnancy maintenance resource centers offer ultrasound and other medical services; and

WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant mothers; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers encourage women to make positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of their unborn child; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide important support and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers ensure that women are receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth of healthy infants; and

WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children from past choices they have made; and

WHEREAS, Many pregnancy maintenance resource centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public schools; and

WHEREAS, Federal and state governments are increasingly recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy maintenance resource centers through the designation of public funds for such organizations; and

WHEREAS, Pregnancy maintenance resource centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of pregnancy maintenance resource centers that deserve recognition in our state: Pregnancy Resource Center of Southeast Kansas, of Iola, Kansas; Raven Aid for Moms, Benedictine College, of Atchison, Kansas; Birthright, of Great Bend, Kansas; Catholic Social Service, of Great Bend, Kansas; Birthline, of Fort Scott, Kansas; Bethlehem House, of El Dorado, Kansas; Birthline, of El Dorado, Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center of Butler County, of Augusta, Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Concordia, Kansas; Family Life Services, of Arkansas City, Kansas; Birthright, of Pittsburg, Kansas; Vie Medical Clinic, of Pittsburg, Kansas; Birthright, of Lawrence, Kansas; Pregnancy Care Center, of Lawrence, Kansas; Birthright, of Hays, Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Hays, Kansas; Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home, of Hays, Kansas; ABC Pregnancy Care Center, of Garden City, Kansas; Catholic Social Service, of Garden City, Kansas; Birthright, of Dodge City, Kansas; Catholic Social Service, of Dodge City, Kansas; Life Care Center for Women, of Ottawa, Kansas; Birthline, of Junction City, Kansas; Precious Beginnings Pregnancy Center, of Ulysses, Kansas; Health Ministries Clinic, of Newton, Kansas; Heartland Pregnancy Care Center, of Newton, Kansas; Crisis Pregnancy Center, of Jackson County, Kansas; Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center, of Shawnee, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast

Kansas, of Overland Park, Kansas; Christian Family Services, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas; LDS Family Services, of Overland Park, Kansas; Birthright, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Saint Vincent Clinic, of Leavenworth, Kansas; Birthright, of Emporia, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Emporia, Kansas; Family Life Services, of Emporia, Kansas; Heart Choices, of Beloit, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care Center, of Coffeyville, Kansas; Midwest Pregnancy Care Center, of Independence, Kansas; Birthline, of Chanute, Kansas; Pratt Family Life Center, of Pratt, Kansas; Birthright, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Open Door Pregnancy Care Center, of Hutchinson, Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Manhattan, Kansas; Life Choice Ministries, of Manhattan, Kansas; Pregnancy Testing Center, of Manhattan, Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Salina, Kansas; Pregnancy Service Center, of Salina, Kansas; A Better Choice, of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline, of Wichita, Kansas; Catholic Charities, of Wichita, Kansas; Choices Medical Clinic, of Wichita, Kansas; Gerard House, of Wichita, Kansas; Guadalupe Clinic, of Wichita, Kansas; Pregnancy Crisis Center of Wichita, Inc., of Wichita, Kansas; Birthline, of Liberal, Kansas; Birthright, of Topeka, Kansas; Caring Pregnancy Options, of Topeka, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Topeka, Kansas; Rachel's Tea House Crisis Pregnancy Center, of Kansas City, Kansas; Life Support Center, of Johnson, Kansas; Birthline, of Wellington, Kansas; Emergency Pregnancy Service, of Colby, Kansas; Angels of Grace Family Service Center, of Kansas City, Kansas; Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, of Kansas City, Kansas; Adoption Center of Kansas, of Wichita, Kansas; American Adoption, of Overland Park, Kansas; Grace Center, Inc., of Kansas City, Kansas; Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic, of Kansas City, Kansas; and Your Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, of Kansas City, Kansas; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature strongly supports pregnancy maintenance resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men and of babies both born and unborn; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy maintenance resource centers in Kansas and across the United States; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature encourages the Congress of the United States and other federal and state government agencies to grant pregnancy maintenance resource centers assistance for medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not compromise the mission or religious integrity of these organizations; and

Be it further resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That the legislature disapproves of the actions of any national, state or local group attempting to prevent pregnancy maintenance resource centers from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies; and

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Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each pregnancy maintenance resource center in Kansas, to Governor Brownback, to the President of the United States and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Adopted by the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.