The Human Life Amendment

“The inalienable right to life of every person at any stage of development shall be recognized and protected.”

Those words appear as a proposed Amendment to the Iowa Constitution. The Joint Resolution by State Senator Dennis Guth, and co-sponsored by most of his fellow Republicans and one Democrat was officially filed with the Iowa Senate yesterday.

At our annual Rally on Tuesday, Dan Becker from Personhood USA praised Senator Guth for taking this important step. Becker was the keynote speaker at the Rally and spent several days meeting with legislators and pro-life leaders during his visit to Iowa. Dan outlined the success of Personhood efforts in Georgia and North Dakota. With a growing base of support and the leadership provided by Mr. Becker and other national leaders, “human life amendments” similar to the one offered by Senator Guth and others may be the unifying standard pro-life warriors have needed.
For more information on Personhood USA visit their website at www.personhoodusa.com.

The FAMILY LEADER is thankful to partner with Dan Becker and Personhood USA, and other willing pro-life Iowans, in our fight to protect “persons” at every stage of development.

**See What Happened at the “Life, Marriage, and Family Rally!”**

Thanks to all who came to the Capitol Tuesday and joined in the Rally to support Life and Marriage. Dozens of attendees had the chance to visit one-on-one with several key legislators, asking them to stand strong in defense of life, marriage and the family.

Here’s some photos of the rally:

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[Watch the video of the rally here.](#)

As we approach the closing days of this 2013 Session, be prepared to stay in touch with your Representative or Senator. Pressure will mount daily to compromise and adjourn
for the summer.

Look for more frequent email updates on education reform, funding to abortion providers, and any other issues that arise.

Defunding Abortion Providers

Another focus of the Rally Tuesday was the effort to prevent your tax dollars from going to organizations that perform abortions. Most of money that goes to abortion providers is defined as “family planning.” State law that authorizes these funds is vague and complicated. It is usually spent on contraception, cancer screening and other services. This money does support the bottom line of some abortion providers like Planned Parenthood. Pro-life lawmakers are looking for ways to enhance health care for women while NOT supporting abortion providers. We commend pro-life Senators for their effort last week on Senate File 446. We encourage the Iowa House to advance similar language when it debates SF 446 next week. Please contact her and send a short message of thanks!

Supporting Israel

God, speaking of the nation of Israel, said,

I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:3

This week, the Iowa House approved HR 9, which says in part:
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That the House of Representatives commends Israel for its cordial and mutually beneficial relationship with the United States and with the State of Iowa and supports Israel in its legal, historical, moral, and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense upon the entirety of its own lands, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others, and that peace can be afforded the region only through a whole and united Israel.

We commend House members LOFGREN, ALONS, ROGERS, PAULSEN, LANDON, DRAKE, SODERBERG, DEYOE, WORTHAN, WATTS, KLEIN, KAUFMANN, HESS, HEATON, L. MILLER, GRASSLEY, and UPMEYER, for sponsoring this Resolution and for taking a stand in the Iowa House in support of Israel.