

# Resolution No. 2023-2

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY OF ROCKPORT'S COMMITMENT TO LIFE AND DESIGNATING THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS, AS A PRO-LIFE CITY.

WHEREAS, we are granted unalienable rights by our Creator, among them including the right to life, and this unalienable right has been clearly stated and implemented throughout our Nation's history, most notably in the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of government to protect unalienable rights enshrined in the United States Constitution' and

WHEREAS, denying the right to life of a created human is to deny liberty, the pursuit of happiness and all other unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court stated in *Poelker v. Doe*, 432 U.S. 519 (1977), that the United States Constitution does not forbid a municipality, pursuant to democratic process, from expressing a preference for normal childbirth instead of abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 68, states that the policy of the state is to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth to the extent permitted by the Federal Constitution; and

WHEREAS. In accordance to Arkansas Act 392 (2021) allows municipalities to express their desires to become a "Pro-Life City" and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of state and local government to protect the unalienable right to life of every person within our jurisdiction; and the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to life, evidenced by legislation it has passed over time, including but not limited to;

- Act 1696 of 2005- The Unborn Child Pain Awareness and Prevention Act
- ACT 301 of 2013- The Arkansas Human Heartbeat Protection Act
- Act 1086 of 2015- The Woman's Right-to-Know Act
- Act 45 of 2017- The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act
- Act 392 of 2017- The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act
- Act 733 of 2017- The Sex Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act
- Act 493 of 2019- The Cherish Act
- Act 619 of 2019- The Down Syndrome Discrimination by Abortion Prohibition Act
- Act 653 of 2019- The Prohibition of Public Funding of Human Cloning and Destructive Embryo research Act; and

WHEREAS the City of Rockport affirms the value of human life at every stage; and



WHEREAS, the City of Rockport places the highest value on each individual's right to life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rockport as follows:  
Based on the foregoing, the City of Rockport, Arkansas hereby recognizes and designates itself as a Pro-Life City, committed to the protection of all lives, and including the lives of the unborn.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

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Shira Kelley, Recorder

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Kevin Baker, Mayor