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40th Annual March for Life

The 40th Annual March for Life will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 in Little Rock at 2:00 p.m. The observance is a peaceful and prayerful event that attracts thousands of Arkansans from across the state including churches and families to remember the estimated 60 million unborn children who have been killed by legal abortion.

This event, sponsored by Arkansas Right to Life, will remember the 45th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States on January 22, 1973.

Staging begins at 1:30 p.m. between Battery and Wolfe Streets on West Capitol Avenue behind the Arkansas State Capitol. At 2:00 p.m. President Andy Mayberry will lead the marchers along with elected officials, invited dignitaries and others special guests to the steps of the State Capitol for a brief program.

The keynote speaker will be Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, who has distinguished herself as a champion for life in the defense of pro-life laws and policies faced by legal challenges. Among the laws that General Rutledge is currently defending is the 2017 law to ban the barbaric abortion procedure known as D&E, but more accurately described as dismemberment abortion. This type of abortion is commonly used in later pregnancy at 12 weeks and more on living unborn children.

Other participants in the program will be Bishop Anthony Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock and Dr. Ken Shaddox, Senior Pastor of Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock. Arkansas Youth Chorale under the direction of Mr. Tommy Havens is scheduled to perform.

“Since we began marching 40 years ago, more and more people are joining us in our work to save the lives of the unborn through education and political action” said Rose Mimms, executive director. “This awareness has resulted in many pro-life laws passed and the steady decline in the number of abortions, but we will keep marching until respect for all human life is restored,” she said.

Arkansas Right to Life, the state’s oldest and largest pro-life organization, is an affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, the leading voice of the voiceless dedicated to protecting all human beings threatened by abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.