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5 Arkansas Municipalities Pass ‘Pro-life’ Resolutions

Five Arkansas municipalities have now approved resolutions declaring themselves “pro-life.”

The City of Springdale adopted a pro-life resolution in August 2019, followed by declarations by Washington and Benton counties this past July followed Cleburne and Crawford counties in August.

During the 2021 Arkansas General Assembly, lawmakers enacted Act 392 of 2021 affirming that cities and counties in Arkansas can designate themselves as pro-life after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that municipalities could adopt pro-life policy positions like resolutions.

The action by lawmakers came on the heels of Arkansas being named the “most pro-life state in America” in December 2020 by Americans United for Life, a pro-life advocacy group.

To further solidify the state’s No. 1 position, the Arkansas Legislature approved 14 new pro-life laws to protect the safety of women and reduce the number of abortions in the state. The laws included an outright ban on abortions, a requirement for women seeking an abortion to view an ultrasound, prohibiting abortion providers in public schools, better regulations on drug-induced abortions, and measures barring abortions in hospitals.

“It is so encouraging to have the enormous support for the protection of the innocent unborn and born vulnerable Arkansans that was reflected in this legislative session and now with these five municipalities declaring themselves pro-life,” said Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life. “I know that we will see more cities and counties take action in upcoming weeks and months to make pro-life declarations.”

Mimms added that Arkansas Right to Life is working with Family Council to provide a resource toolkit for use by cities and counties. The kit – as well as a customizable petition and other supporting materials – is available for download at artl.org.

For more information or questions about the pro-life resolution contact Mimms at (501) 663-4237 or email artl@artl.org.

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