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Historic: Arkansas named No. 1 pro-life state in nation for 6th consecutive year

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas has been named the “Most Pro-Life State” in the U.S. by Americans United for Life for a historic sixth consecutive year, it was announced Monday, October 27, at a press conference featuring Gov. Sarah Sanders held at the State Capitol.

In receiving the designation, Americans United for Life recognizes that the State of Arkansas ranks above all 50 states based on state laws protecting the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and the terminally ill.

“Today’s announcement is a testament to the citizens of Arkansas throughout the history of our state who embraced a culture of life by following natural law with state law that honors the Judeo-Christian commandment, ‘Thou Shall Not Kill,’” said Rose Mimms, executive director of Arkansas Right to Life, following the announcement.

Mimms added, “Induced abortion was imposed upon all 50 states in 1973, but that dark era ended on June 24, 2022, after nearly 50 years with more than 200,000 of our unborn children in Arkansas killed by legal abortion. As we mark this day, let us remain committed to life, its defense, and protection.”

In a press release, Family Council President Jerry Cox noted that making Arkansas consistently the leading pro-life state has taken a lot of work over the years by many different people and organizations.

“Arkansas Right to Life has been defending human life for more than 50 years, and Family Council has been at it for nearly thirty-seven. Arkansas’ General Assembly has passed at least sixty-five good, pro-life measures since 2011. Ministers, churches, elected officials, pregnancy resource centers, and everyday Arkansans all have worked tirelessly to make Arkansas the pro-life state that it is today.”

Pro-life Arkansans from across the state will come together to celebrate the state’s pro-life achievements and the ending of *Roe v. Wade* at the 48th Annual March for Life set for 2 p.m. Sunday, January 18, in Little Rock at the State Capitol. All are welcome to attend. More details on the march are available at artl.org.

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Arkansas Right to Life is the state affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee, the oldest and largest pro-life organization. For more information, visit artl.org.