

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CLINTON,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, DECLARING THE CITY OF CLINTON TO BE A SAFE CITY FOR
PREBORN CHILDREN AND URGING THE CITIZENS OF CLINTON TO PROMOTE AND
DEFEND THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF ALL
INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS AT EVERY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that all people are created equal and have been endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights - chief among them the right to life - and that the protection of these rights is an affirmative duty of federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution provide for the protection of human life and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States in *Poelker v. Doe* (432 US 519, 1977) concluded that "the Constitution does not forbid a State or city, pursuant to democratic processes, from expressing a preference for normal childbirth" instead of abortion; and

WHEREAS, state police power derives from the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which gives states the powers "not delegated to the United States," and

WHEREAS, the power to establish and enforce laws protecting the welfare, safety, and health of the public is a core function of the state's police power; and

WHEREAS, Article 3, Section 14 of the Constitution of State of Mississippi states that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property except by due process of law"; and

WHEREAS, this City desires to express its deep concern that all human beings, at every stage of development, including before birth, in the city of Clinton should be afforded protection from acts of cruelty, and be treated humanely and with dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF CLINTON,

Section 1. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for the City hereby recognize and declare the humanity of the pre born child and urges the citizens of Clinton to encourage the humane treatment of all human beings, including the preborn child, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all human life.

Section 2. Based upon the desire to be recognized as a safe city for preborn children, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen hereby declare the City of Clinton to be a "Safe City for Preborn Children."