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RESOLUTION COMMITMENT to CULTURE of LIFE

WHEREAS Saint Pope John Paul II in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, reaffirmed that abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and assisted suicide are contrary to God's law and the common good of every nation, and

WHEREAS Pope Paul VI in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae* warned of the threats to society, the family, and the individual person that would follow in societies that repudiate the divine law regarding human dignity and the procreation of human life, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus at every level, strives to meet the call of Saint Pope John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae* that the Catholic people become "the people of life and that they activate a great campaign in support of life."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15th day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, reaffirm their historic commitment to be unconditionally pro-life; to seek the restoration of full legal protection for the lives of the unborn, the sick, the handicapped, the terminally ill, the elderly, the poor, and all those affected by current economic conditions; to support our Bishops position on capital punishment, and to continue to oppose vigorously any governmental actions that in any way promote, legalize, or finance the performance of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or assisted suicide, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we deplore the marketing of all abortifacient drugs, and in particular RU 486 and PREVEN; the performance of all abortions including the especially barbaric practice of late term abortion; the use in fetal research of tissue from aborted babies; human cloning and fetal stem cell research which fails to recognize the inherent dignity and value of every human life, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we oppose direct or indirect efforts of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) or any other group, nation, or individual to advance, encourage, or promote contraception or abortion among, or to force contraception or abortion upon, other nations or individuals, or to undertake other activities that lessen respect for human life, or to condition economic assistance to governments or individuals upon their adoption or acceptance of population control practices and policies, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in working to establish "the culture of life" defined by Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict and continued by Pope Francis, we will continue our active cooperation with the pro-life programs of the Episcopal conference, with other responsible pro-life organizations, with programs that provide needed assistance to women who experience crisis pregnancies, and with those who work to facilitate adoption so that suitable families welcome into their homes children who are in need of care, and

Patriots Protecting All God's Children

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Jersey State Council continues to respond to the challenge of Saint Pope John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae* for "the renewal of the 'culture of life' within Christian Communities" continuing our activities at all levels to inform, educate, and motivate our own members as well as the public, including public officials, regarding the dignity and sanctity of human life at all stages, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our long standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons or public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate the legalization of euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, or infanticide known as partial birth abortion, and of prohibiting those persons from renting or otherwise utilizing facilities over which we have control, or speaking at Knights of Columbus events, or bestowing on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind, or inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations or committees, or holding office in the Knights of Columbus, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we once again commit ourselves to pray the rosary frequently, to fast, and to do penance in reparation for these grave evils, asking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for an end to these offenses against human life and for the establishment of the "culture of life."