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RESOLUTION SUPPORT for PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS rather than end the debate on abortion, the Supreme Court's 1973 decision of Roe V. Wade has only ignited a firestorm of controversy. The consequences of the Court's actions include an annual 1.6 million deaths by abortion and the attendant emotional and physical turmoil suffered by once expectant mothers, their families, and loved ones, and

WHEREAS the Parental Consent for Abortion Act, which is based on a 1984 Indiana law, establishes a mechanism by which some of the burdens involved in the most serious of decisions can be shared by a young girls most caring support group, her family, and

WHEREAS the measure also included a provision that reflects the great advances in medical care of the last decade, and

WHEREAS as premature babies are surviving at earlier and earlier stages, and as more late-term abortions result in live births, and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court has taken away the right to decide the legality of abortion from the states, but it has repeatedly recognized that in view of the unique status of children under the law, the states have a significant interest in certain abortion regulations aimed at protecting children that are not required in the case of an adult, and

WHEREAS while the right of privacy includes independence in making certain kinds of important decisions, the Supreme Court has recognized that many minors are less capable than adults in making those decisions; and has held that the states have a legitimate interest in encouraging parent involvement in their minor children's decision to have an abortion, and

Patriots Protecting All God's Children

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, petition the New Jersey Legislature to pass legislation upholding parental consent laws dealing with abortion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is to be sent to the Governor and members of the State Legislature.