

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 82

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution supporting pregnancy resource centers;
8 commending their work; encouraging assistance;
9 disapproving opposition; and directing distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, the life-affirming impact of pregnancy resource centers
12 on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is
13 considerable and growing; and

14 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers serve women in Oklahoma and
15 across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

16 WHEREAS, more than 2,500 pregnancy resource centers across the
17 United States provide comprehensive care to women and men facing
18 unplanned pregnancies, including resources to meet their physical,
19 psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs; and

20 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers offer women free,
21 confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests,
22 peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and
23 parenting classes, referrals to community, healthcare, and support
24 services; and

1 WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy resource centers offer
2 ultrasound and other medical services; and

3 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide information on
4 adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant mothers; and

5 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers encourage women to make
6 positive life choices by equipping them with complete and accurate
7 information regarding their pregnancy options and the development of
8 their unborn child; and

9 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide women with
10 compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental
11 manner regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

12 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers provide important support
13 and resources for women who choose childbirth over abortion; and

14 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers ensure that women are
15 receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth
16 of healthy infants; and

17 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers provide grief
18 assistance for women and men who regard the loss of their children;
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20 WHEREAS, many pregnancy resource centers work to prevent
21 unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in
22 public schools; and

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1 WHEREAS, federal and state governments are increasingly
2 recognizing the valuable services of pregnancy resource centers
3 through the designation of public funds for such organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, pregnancy resource centers operate primarily through
5 reliance on the voluntary donations and time of caring individuals
6 who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and
7 protecting life.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
9 OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

10 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate strongly supports pregnancy
11 resource centers in their unique, positive contributions to the
12 individual lives of women and men and of babies – both born and
13 unborn.

14 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends the compassionate work
15 of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy
16 resource centers in Oklahoma and across the United States.

17 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate encourages the Congress of the
18 United States and other federal and state government agencies to
19 grant pregnancy resource centers assistance for medical equipment
20 and abstinence education in a manner that does not compromise the
21 mission or religious integrity of these organizations.

22 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate disapproves of the actions of any
23 national, state, or local groups attempting to prevent pregnancy
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1 resource centers from effectively serving women and men facing
2 unplanned pregnancies.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each pregnancy
4 resource center in Oklahoma, to the Governor of the State of
5 Oklahoma, to the President of the United States, to the Majority and
6 Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and
7 Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and
8 the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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