

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 19-FEB-059R**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNBORN

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, the founding document of the United States of America, states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Life being the first of these declared rights; *and*

WHEREAS, as recently as March 2017, the American College of Pediatricians published an Abstract stating that "The predominance of human biological research confirms that human life begins at conception – fertilization. At fertilization, the human being emerges as a whole, genetically distinct, individuated zygotic living human organism, a member of the species Homo sapiens, needing only the proper environment to grow and develop. The difference between the individual in its adult state and in its zygotic state is one of form, not nature"; *and*

WHEREAS, each and every innocent human life is unique and precious to God; *and*

WHEREAS, human life begins at the moment of conception and continues, uninterrupted, until the moment of natural death; *and*

WHEREAS, innocent human life must always be protected and preserved; *and*

WHEREAS, the protection of all human life is important to the people of Lea County; *and*

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature is currently considering legislation to diminish the limitations on abortions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County that It declare that innocent human life, including fetal life, must always be protected and that Society must protect those who cannot protect themselves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that it declare its opposition to any diminution by the New Mexico Legislature of the limitations on abortion.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 28th day of February, 2019, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lea County

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LCBCC Meeting

Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long (District 2), Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson (District 1), Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Gary G. Eidson

Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena (District 4), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Richard Don Jones

Richard Don Jones (District 5), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

By: Kelli Williams
Kelli Williams, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

John W. Caldwell
John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

