

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.27

Senator Nesbitt offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to reject the extreme anti-life policies
2 contained in New York's Reproductive Health Act, to support
3 President Trump's call for an end to late-term abortions, and to
4 encourage the U.S. Congress to pass the Born-Alive Abortion
5 Survivors Protection Act.

6 Whereas, The New York State Legislature passed and New York
7 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law the Reproductive Health
8 Act on January 22, 2019. This law will allow abortions to occur
9 virtually up to the time of natural birth and allow non-physicians
10 to perform abortions; and

11 Whereas, This barbaric expansion of late-term abortions flies
12 in the face of modern science and the basic demands of human
13 decency. Thanks to advances in medicine, children may survive and

1 thrive outside of the womb at earlier and earlier stages of
2 pregnancy. It is unconscionable to reject these advances and deny
3 the most vulnerable in our society a chance at life. It is further
4 unconscionable that an insufficient number of United States
5 Senators believe that babies who survive an abortion attempt should
6 not be provided the utmost care and protection; and

7 Whereas, The state of Michigan has a long and unbroken history
8 of protecting unborn children from abortion, with a law prohibiting
9 abortion in place since 1846. The people of Michigan affirmed the
10 prohibition of abortion in a 1972 statewide initiative vote
11 rejecting a proposal to legalize abortion through 20 weeks of
12 pregnancy. Since the *Roe v Wade* decision, Michigan has continued to
13 protect unborn children within the limits of federal law; and

14 Whereas, New York's law represents a dramatic step backwards
15 in the commitment to life. Every person regardless of age has an
16 unalienable right to life. As a compassionate and caring society,
17 we must embrace life, not celebrate the ending of it, and ensure
18 the protection of unborn children as well as those who survive
19 abortion; and

20 Whereas, Given laws like New York's, it is more important now
21 than ever before to join President Trump in asking Congress to ban
22 horrific late-term abortions and to strengthen protections for
23 abortion survivors; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the Senate, That we reject the extreme anti-life
25 policies contained in New York's Reproductive Health Act, support
26 President Trump's call for a federal ban on late-term abortions,
27 and encourage the Congress of the United States to pass the Born-
28 Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act; and be it further

29 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the

1 President of the United States, the President of the United States
2 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
3 and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.