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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Blare, DiSanto, Ewing, Greenfield (Brock), Jensen (Phil), Maher, Monroe, Novstrup, Russell, Stalzer, and Sutton and Representatives Frye-Mueller, Brunner, Dennert, Deutsch, Goodwin, Gosch, Hansen, Haugaard, Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Latterell, Livermont, Marty, Perry, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Qualm, Randolph, Rasmussen, Steele, Weis, Willadsen, and Zikmund

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Petitioning Congress and the President to immediately
2 defund Planned Parenthood of all federal funding; strongly condemning the recent
3 unrestrictive abortion law passed in New York state; and, expressing South Dakotans'
4 continued resolve to secure the blessings of life and liberty for our posterity.

5 WHEREAS, New York state recently passed one of the most barbaric abortion laws in
6 United States history, essentially making it legal to abort a baby at any stage of pregnancy, up
7 to the moment of birth, and even removed legal protections for babies born alive from botched
8 abortions; and

9 WHEREAS, many South Dakotans were disgusted by the gruesome cheering at the passage
10 and signing of New York state's bill, and the carnage it means for innocent unborn babies; and

11 WHEREAS, the purpose of the United States Constitution is "to secure the blessings of
12 liberty to ourselves and our posterity"; and

13 WHEREAS, the passage of such proabortion laws are a curse on the blessing of liberty, to



1 our posterity, and to ourselves; and

2 WHEREAS, according to its latest annual report, the Planned Parenthood Federation of
3 America and its affiliates were responsible for 332,757 abortions in the United States in 2018,
4 thereby representing an increase of approximately 11,000 abortions from the prior year and
5 increasing the total number of babies killed to more than an estimated 8,326,000; and

6 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood's total revenue in fiscal year 2017 was \$1.665 billion,
7 including \$563.8 million from tax payer funding – record highs for both categories; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, Planned Parenthood's
9 advocacy and political arms spent more than \$8.1 million in 2018 to oppose Republicans and
10 elect political candidates sympathetic to their immoral policy objectives on abortion; and

11 WHEREAS, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
12 Planned Parenthood provides about one-third to one-half of all abortions in the United States;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood referred only 2,831 women to adoption services during
15 the entire year of 2018 – about 1,000 less than the year before; and

16 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood claims it is a health organization, yet its annual report
17 shows a dramatic decrease in most of its non-abortion services – the issuance of contraceptives
18 was down by 80,000, cancer screenings were down by 45,000, and other "women's health
19 services," such as well-woman exams and prenatal services decreased by 13,000; and

20 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood President Dr. Leana Wen recently acknowledged that
21 abortion is not just a service the organization provides, but it is Planned Parenthood's core
22 mission; and

23 WHEREAS, in July 2015, investigative journalists with the Center for Medical Progress
24 began releasing a series of undercover videos in which various senior leaders of Planned

1 Parenthood spoke in astonishingly frank, horrific, and euphemistic ways about unborn babies,
2 their use of illegal abortion methods, and their harvesting of tissues and organs from unborn
3 babies to further profit from the practice of abortion; and

4 WHEREAS, contrary to claims by Planned Parenthood and its allies that the videos were
5 edited in a manner to falsely portray the participants' intent, the veracity of the videos has been
6 verified by two different experts, one of whom was commissioned by the Planned Parenthood
7 Federation of America; and

8 WHEREAS, for their efforts in exposing the illegal activities of Planned Parenthood and
9 others in the abortion industry, leaders of the Center for Medical Progress have been subjected
10 to censorship of their videos, politically motivated lawsuits, criminal charges, and continuing
11 legal jeopardy, including being held in contempt of court for recently releasing new undercover
12 videos; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives Select Investigative Panel on Infant
14 Lives and the United States Senate Judiciary Committee have each made criminal referrals to
15 the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation after each found evidence that
16 Planned Parenthood and others in the abortion industry may have violated federal law by the use
17 of illegal abortion methods, including late-term, partial-birth, and born-alive abortions, and the
18 procurement of fetal tissue for profit; and

19 WHEREAS, although in 2015, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 241-187 to approve
20 H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, the legislation has languished and
21 Planned Parenthood continues to receive more than half a billion dollars each year from United
22 States taxpayers; and

23 WHEREAS, our children and pre-born children are our posterity; and

24 WHEREAS, our most important blessing is the right to life; and

1 WHEREAS, the right to life of all innocent persons is God-given and unalienable; and

2 WHEREAS, it has been forty-six years since the Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme
3 Court of the United States and the assault on these core principles; and

4 WHEREAS, an estimated sixty-one million, forty-four thousand nine hundred thirty-eighty
5 babies have been aborted in the United States since 1973; and

6 WHEREAS, because South Dakota Codified Law § 26-1-2 states, "A child conceived, but
7 not born, is to be deemed an existing person so far as may be necessary for its interests in the
8 event of its subsequent birth," every time we allow a conceived child to be aborted, we fail in
9 our lawful duty to protect their interests:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature
11 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
12 Dakota Legislature commits to providing all pre-born children their God-given right to exist and
13 commits to appropriate protections by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United
14 States Constitution, and emphatically urges the South Dakota Supreme Court, the Governor of
15 South Dakota, the Attorney General of South Dakota, and the Supreme Court of the United
16 States to take all actions necessary to do so; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature strongly condemns the
18 recent unrestrictive abortion law passed in New York state as barbaric and inhumane; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature denounces the immoral
20 abortion agenda and practices of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its
21 affiliates, especially their role in the unjust killing of 332,757 precious unborn babies in 2018,
22 the use of particularly gruesome illegal abortion methods, and profiteering from harvesting
23 unborn babies' tissues and organs; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature urges the United States

1 Congress and President Donald Trump to defund Planned Parenthood immediately and
2 completely end all federal government support and tax payer funding; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge the United States Department of Justice to
4 pursue criminal charges against the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its affiliates
5 for their use of illegal abortion methods, trafficking in and profiting from the harvesting of
6 unborn babies' tissues and organs, and any other actions that may be in violation of federal law;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the South Dakota Legislature calls on Representative
9 Dusty Johnson, Senator John Thune, and Senator Mike Rounds to vote against all legislation
10 providing funding to Planned Parenthood and to sponsor legislation to immediately and
11 completely end all federal government support and tax payer funding of Planned Parenthood;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chief clerk of the House of Representatives prepare
14 copies of this resolution and forward them to the President of the United States, the speaker and
15 clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the president and secretary of the United
16 States Senate, the Attorney General of the United States, Representative Dusty Johnson, Senator
17 John Thune, and Senator Mike Rounds.