

Kansas Personhood Amendment Language

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1. Equal rights. All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Recognizing the authority of the state of Kansas to exercise its police power and its sovereign right to adopt individual liberties in the constitution of the state of Kansas more expansive than those conferred by the constitution of the United States, the state of Kansas shall hereby guarantee the inalienable rights, equal protection and due process of law of every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being, including fertilization.

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole: Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to expand the class of human beings that currently enjoy inalienable rights, equal protection, and due process of the law under the constitution of the state of Kansas to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being, including fertilization.

A vote for this proposition would amend the Kansas constitution to explicitly incorporate into it the inalienable right to life of every human being irrespective of age, race, gender, health, function, condition of dependency, including physical or mental dependency, or (continued on back)

method of reproduction, from the beginning of their biological development, including fertilization. The proposed constitutional amendment also would prohibit the state from discriminating against any class of human beings in the application, interpretation and enforcement of its laws.

A vote against this proposition would not amend the constitution, in which case the current federally mandated legal status of preborn humans would remain that of a class of human beings that can intentionally be killed.

Personhood Kansas Petition

"We the undersigned, recognizing that the right to life is the paramount and most fundamental right of a human being, pledge our support for an amendment to the Kansas Constitution recognizing legal personhood for all human beings from the beginning of their biological development."

To download and mail your copy of the petition form or sign the e-petition online, please visit www.PersonhoodKansas.com.



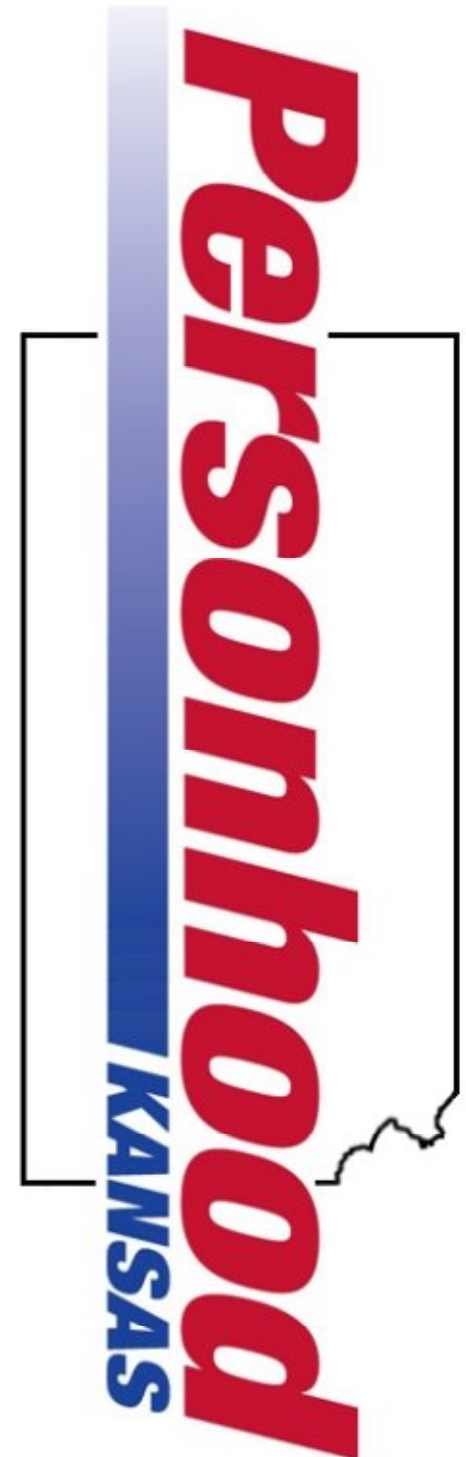
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What is Personhood?

Under our laws, when the term "Person" is applied to a human being, it refers to the presence of a particular set of individual rights such as the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In other words, to be a legal person is to be protected by a series of God-given and constitutionally protected rights.

Personhood How?

When enacted, a state constitutional personhood amendment would be the supreme law of our state and the courts must abide by it. In Kansas, a 2/3rds majority of both legislative houses and a referendum with a simple majority of Kansas voters is all that is required to pass the measure.

Personhood Education

A statewide personhood campaign affords the pro-life movement an unequalled opportunity to discuss the biological facts of human development and to advocate for the lives of every human being, at every age.

Why Personhood?

Throughout history, the definition of the word "person" has been used to discriminate against certain classes of living human beings. As you know, in our own nation's past there have been times when women and African Americans were not considered full human persons. Ultimately, these injustices did not stand because people of all walks of life demanded equal protection under the law. So too, the Personhood movement recognizes a human being's full status as a human person irrespective of any inadvertent or arbitrary properties such as age, race, gender, health, functionality, dependency, or method of reproduction. In this way, personhood is

the final chapter of the civil rights movement.

The 1973 Roe v. Wade decision ushered in an era of on demand abortion that has seen the deaths of over 53 million American children. Yet, the key to protecting these most vulnerable and defenseless among us is embedded in that very opinion. In what has come to be known as the "Blackmun Hole," Justice Harry Blackmun wrote that "if this suggestion of [preborn] personhood is established, the [pro-abortion] case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment." Blackmun was acknowledging that the case for decriminalized abortion relied on the fact that the preborn had never been recognized as legal "persons."

In 2008, Coloradoans took advantage of the initiative process and collected enough signatures to put a state constitutional personhood amendment on the ballot. They fought hard and garnered the number of votes that will often win a statewide election. Rather than accepting defeat, the organizers have seen victory in the pioneering of state by state personhood efforts across the country! The persistent Colorado pro-lifers reached the ballot again in 2010, and in November of this year, the citizens of Mississippi will vote on a similar amendment. Imagine the great wave soon to follow this victory throughout the nation!

It's our turn Kansas! Join us in supporting personhood. Please take a moment to voice your support for the Kansas Personhood Amendment by signing the Personhood Kansas petition. Our elected officials must hear from the people of Kansas that we support recognizing the legal right to personhood for all living human beings, born and preborn.

After passage in the legislature, the amend-

ment will call for a referendum and will be voted on by the people of Kansas. Your signature will indicate that your vote will be to affirm the rights of all human persons.

Will you stand with us? Will you be a voice for the voiceless? It's easy and it only takes a minute to tell our legislators that we support the Kansas Personhood Amendment—protecting all people from the beginning of our lives.

In his famous letter from a Birmingham jail, Martin Luther King sums up the belief that we must attempt to end abortion right now:

"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly, I have yet to engage in a direct action campaign that was 'well timed' in the view of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word 'Wait!' It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This 'Wait' has almost always meant 'Never.' We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that 'justice too long delayed is justice denied.'"

As a movement, we know what our goal is: to have all children in the womb protected by love and by law. It is important that we learn the lessons of history and rely on the moral clarity of our God-given moral law to guide our efforts not on demoralizing legal and moral subterfuge.



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