

CHAPTER 51
(HCR 152)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring pregnancy help centers for their life-saving work throughout the United States and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers serve women in Kentucky and across the United States with integrity and compassion; and

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

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers offer women free, confidential, and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer counseling, 24-hour telephone hotlines, childbirth and parenting classes, referrals to community health care, and other support services; and

WHEREAS, many medical pregnancy help centers offer ultrasounds and other medical services; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers provide information on adoption and adoption referrals to pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers encourage women with compassionate and confidential peer counseling in a nonjudgmental manner, regardless of their pregnancy outcomes; and

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

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers provide women with prenatal information and services; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the loss of their children from their past choices; and

WHEREAS, many pregnancy help centers work to prevent unplanned pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers operate primarily through reliance on the voluntary donations and time of individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of women and promoting and protecting life; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers in Kentucky save our communities well over a million dollars annually by providing valuable services to vulnerable women, men, and families free of charge, according to Care Net; and

WHEREAS, pregnancy help centers provide full disclosure, in both their advertisements and direct contact with women, of the types of services they provide;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The General Assembly strongly supports pregnancy help centers in their unique and positive contributions to the individual lives of women, men, and babies, both born and unborn.

➔Section 2. The General Assembly commends the compassionate work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy help centers in Kentucky and across the United States.

➔Section 3. The General Assembly disapproves of any action by the Congress of the United States, federal agencies, or state governments that would compromise the mission or religious integrity of pregnancy help centers.

➔Section 4. The General Assembly disapproves of the actions of any national, state, or local group attempting to prevent pregnancy help centers from effectively serving women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

➔Section 5. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the office of Representative Robert Benvenuti III and to the offices of the Kentucky Congressional delegation.

Signed by Governor April 2, 2018.