

A Resolution Opposing Proposition 1 Appearing on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot

WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence proclaims that all persons, “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,” and that among those rights are “Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness,”¹ establishing that the protection of innocent human life is among the first duties of just government; and

WHEREAS, Idaho’s first territorial legislature in 1864 took steps to protect both the lives of preborn and of mothers, regulating abortion except to save the life of the mother, and this remained the law of the State of Idaho² for 110 years until the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Roe v. Wade* prevented Idaho from enforcing its longstanding policy of protecting life; and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Idaho declares “All men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property; pursuing happiness and securing safety;”³ and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 18-8802⁴ recognizes that “the life of each human being begins at fertilization, and preborn children have interests in life, health, and well-being that should be protected,” reflecting Idaho’s longstanding commitment to protecting both mothers and their unborn children; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Republican Party Platform⁵ declares “Human personhood begins at the moment of fertilization and ought to be protected and cherished from that moment on;” and

¹Declaration of independence: A transcription National Archives and Records Administration. Available at: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript> (Accessed: 31 August 2026).

² Territory, I. (1864) Laws of the Territory of Idaho : Idaho Territory : Free download, borrow, and streaming, Internet Archive. Available at: <https://archive.org/details/lawsterritoryid00idahgoog/page/441/mode/2up> (Accessed: 31 August 2026).

³ Constitution of the state of Idaho L AST amended November 5, 2024. Available at: https://archive.sos.idaho.gov/downloads/Idaho_Constitution.pdf (Accessed: 01 September 2026).

⁴ Idaho Legislature Idaho State Legislature. Available at: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title18/T18CH88/SECT18-8802/> (Accessed: 31 August 2026).

⁵ 2026-28 Idaho GOP platform. Available at: <https://idgop.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2026/06/2026-28-Idaho-GOP-Platform.pdf> (Accessed: 01 September 2026).

WHEREAS, Proposition 1⁶ appearing on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot undermines every previous precedent, purporting to establish a statutory “right” to abortion; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Attorney General Raúl R. Labrador issued a Certificate of Review identifying matters of substantive legal concern regarding Proposition 1, including ambiguity concerning a “right to privacy”; the binding of future legislative action contrary to longstanding precedent; uncertain interactions with existing Idaho law; and conflict with the inalienable right to life of preborn children; and

WHEREAS, Current Idaho law⁷ honors physicians’ good faith medical judgment in determining that the termination of a pregnancy is necessary to prevent the death of the mother; and

WHEREAS, Current Idaho law⁸ also protects the treatment of ectopic or molar pregnancy, miscarriage, and other emergent situations and protects privacy and freedom within the patient/provider relationship in regard to all reproductive health care with the sole regulation of the intentional termination of preborn life as a criminal act under Idaho law; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 represents a radical departure from Idaho’s cultural respect for life, leaving preborn life vulnerable to termination by abortion well into the third trimester and allowing the deliberate destruction of preborn life after viability in the case where a medical emergency is declared, despite early delivery proving a safer solution for both mother and baby; and

WHEREAS, maternal mortality rates have decreased⁹ since Idaho’s Defense of Life Act was passed; and abortion and its related complications endanger the lives of women, presenting greater risk to maternal health and well-being than delivery; and

WHEREAS, the breadth of Proposition 1 threatens statutory protections enacted under *Roe v. Wade*, including waiting periods, parental consent,

⁶ Idaho. Available at: <https://archive.sos.idaho.gov/elections/initiatives/2026/RFPa.pdf> (Accessed: 01 September 2026).

⁷ Idaho Legislature Idaho State Legislature. Available at: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title18/T18CH6/SECT18-622/> (Accessed: 31 August 2026).

⁸ Idaho Legislature Idaho State Legislature. Available at: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutesrules/idstat/Title18/T18CH6/SECT18-604/> (Accessed: 31 August 2026).

⁹ Idaho MMRC Annual Report 2024 final approval date: January 27, 2026. Available at: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/MMR-Report-2024.pdf> (Accessed: 01 September 2026).

physician only requirements, etc. making it far more radical than the status quo under *Roe*; and

WHEREAS, the erosion of safeguards such as parental consent negatively impact opportunities to identify and prevent sex trafficking and other forms of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 establishes legal protections for any entity providing or assisting in the provision of reproductive health care to persons of any age, including abortion; and

WHEREAS, the Minidoka County Republican Central Committee believes that Idaho's laws should continue to protect both mothers and their preborn children, uphold constitutional government, and provide clarity, stability, and certainty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minidoka County Republican Central Committee affirms that the protection of innocent human life is among the first duties of just government as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and the Idaho Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minidoka County Republican Central Committee formally declares its opposition to Proposition 1 and respectfully urges the voters of Idaho to vote NO on Proposition 1 at the General Election on November 3, 2026; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Idaho Republican State Central Committee, members of the Idaho Legislature representing District 27, Idaho's congressional delegation, local news media, and other interested organizations.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of September 2026, by the Minidoka County Republican Central Committee.