

The Honorable Doug Ducey Governor of the State of Arizona 1700 W. Washington Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 1009

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The White House Office of the President Attn: Mr. President Joe Biden 1600 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

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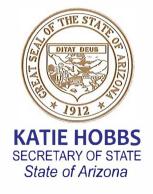
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The White House Office of the Vice President Attn: Mrs. Vice President Kamala Harris 1600 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

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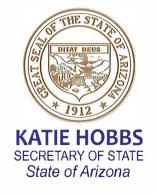
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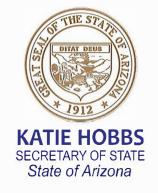
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State of Arizona Senate Fifty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2021

# **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1009**

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT OF THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT AND THE ENSURING ACCURATE AND COMPLETE ABORTION DATA REPORTING ACT OF 2019.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, Congress and the State of Arizona have compelling interests 2 in protecting all human life; and

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Whereas, Congress passed by unanimous consent the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act "to repudiate the flawed notion that a child's entitlement to the protections of the law is dependent upon whether that child's mother or others want him or her" and "to repudiate the flawed notion that the right to an abortion means the right to a dead baby, regardless of where the killing takes place"; and

9 Whereas, to achieve these important objectives, the Born-Alive 10 Infants Protection Act affirmatively recognizes that all infants born at 11 any stage of development, regardless of the circumstances surrounding 12 their births, are "persons" for purposes of federal law; and

13 Whereas, the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act became law in August 14 2002; and

15 Whereas, the legal recognition provided by the Born-Alive Infants 16 Protection Act has proved to be inadequate for providing necessary legal 17 protections for infants born alive following attempted abortions and 18 ensuring that they receive medically appropriate care and treatment; and

Whereas, to remedy this deficiency, Congress introduced the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would affirmatively require that medically appropriate care be given to any infant born alive following an abortion procedure; and

23 Abortion Whereas, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act 24 supplements existing federal law to require that health care providers 25 "exercise the same degree of professional skill, care and diligence to 26 preserve the life and health of a child" born alive following an attempted 27 abortion as the provider "would render to any other child born alive"; and

Whereas, a February 2017 poll by the Susan B. Anthony List found that 77% of Americans support legislation "that would ensure that a baby who survives a failed abortion would be given the same medical treatment as any other baby born prematurely at the same age"; and

Whereas, the citizens of this state strongly support laws providing legal recognition and protection for born-alive infants, including those who survive attempted abortions, as evidenced by Arizona's enactment of section 36-2301, Arizona Revised Statutes, which requires a physician performing an abortion and any other physician in attendance to use "all available means and medical skills" to "promote, preserve and maintain the life" of a fetus or embryo who is delivered alive; and

Whereas, the problem of born-alive infants being denied medically appropriate care following attempted abortions is a matter of official public record but still underreported; and

42 Whereas, to remedy the problem of underreporting of cases of infants 43 born alive following attempted abortions, Congress introduced the Ensuring 44 Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 2019, which would 45 make certain Medicaid family planning monies conditional on a state

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gathering and reporting to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention comprehensive abortion data, and affirmatively requires that states report instances of unborn children surviving abortion attempts.

5 Therefore

6 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of7 Representatives concurring:

8 1. That the Legislature strongly supports the enactment of the 9 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

10 2. That the Legislature strongly supports the enactment of the 11 Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 2019.

12 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit 13 copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Arizona, the 14 President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, 15 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member 16 of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 18, 2021. PASSED BY THE SENATE FEBRUARY 24, 2021. FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 22, 2021.

Passed the House March 18, 20, 21,

Passed the Senate Felmany 24, 202],

31 by the following vote: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_Ayes,

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

by the following vote: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes,

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Secretary of the Senate

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

and day of March, 2021. this

at 2:55 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State

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