



State of Missouri  
Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1973 the United States Supreme Court handed down its opinion in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), thereby striking down state authority to protect unborn life; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court identified the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution as the fount of legal authority for its decision; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 the United States Supreme Court modified the legal analysis underpinning the *Roe* decision in the case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992), thereby re-affirming its previous decision to limit state's authority to protect unborn life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri began banning abortions in 1825, which was subsequently upheld in 1972 by the Supreme Court of Missouri in the case of *Rogers v. Danforth*, 486 S.W.2d 258, 259 (Mo. banc 1972); and

WHEREAS, the people, through their elected representatives at the state level, have the right and authority to enact policy regarding the protection of unborn life; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 the Missouri General Assembly declared that life begins at conception pursuant to Section 1.205, RSMo; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves to the states and the people powers not explicitly delegated to the federal government and no power over protection of unborn life is delegated to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe* and *Casey* in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, 597 U.S. \_\_\_ (2022) (slip op.), thereby restoring the people's right, through their elected representatives at the state level, to enact policy regarding the protection of unborn life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, specifically Section 188.017, RSMo, do hereby notify the Revisor of Statutes that it is reasonably probable that Section 188.017, RSMo will be upheld by the courts as constitutional. Further, in accordance with *Dobbs*, Section 188.017, RSMo is hereby effective as of the date of this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 24th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:

Michael L. Parson  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE