

Amendment __
Application of the Term Person

1 **Ballot Title:** Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution
2 concerning the extension of rights to all human beings at any stage of
3 development, and, in connection therewith, declaring that the protections for life
4 provided for in the state constitution apply equally to all innocent persons;
5 defining "person" as every member of the species homo sapiens at any stage of
6 development; prohibiting the intentional killing of any innocent person; clarifying
7 that the amendment affects only those methods of birth control and assisted
8 reproduction that kill an innocent person and does not affect other methods of
9 birth control or assisted reproduction, medical treatment for life-threatening
10 physical conditions, or spontaneous miscarriages; and specifically prohibiting the
11 killing of a person created through rape or incest committed by the father?

12 **Text of Measure:**

13 *Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

14 In the constitution of the state of Colorado, add section 32 to article II as follows:

15 **Section 32. The right to life. (1) Purpose.** IN ORDER TO AFFIRM BASIC HUMAN
16 DIGNITY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE IN THIS CONSTITUTION APPLIES
17 EQUALLY TO ALL INNOCENT PERSONS.

18 **(2) Effect.** THE INTENTIONAL KILLING OF ANY INNOCENT PERSON IS PROHIBITED.

19 (a) ONLY BIRTH CONTROL THAT KILLS A PERSON SHALL BE AFFECTED BY
20 THIS SECTION.

21 (b) ONLY IN VITRO FERTILIZATION AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTION THAT
22 KILLS A PERSON SHALL BE AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION.

23 (c) MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR LIFE THREATENING PHYSICAL CONDITIONS
24 INTENDED TO PRESERVE LIFE SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION.

25 (d) SPONTANEOUS MISCARRIAGES SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS
26 SECTION.

1 (e) NO INNOCENT CHILD CREATED THROUGH RAPE OR INCEST SHALL BE
2 KILLED FOR THE CRIME OF HIS OR HER FATHER.

3 (3) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION,

4 (a) "PERSON" APPLIES TO EVERY HUMAN BEING REGARDLESS OF THE
5 METHOD OF CREATION.

6 (b) A "HUMAN BEING" IS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIES HOMO SAPIENS AT ANY
7 STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.

8 (c) "SPONTANEOUS MISCARRIAGE" IS THE UNINTENTIONAL TERMINATION
9 OF A PREGNANCY.

10 (d) "CHILD" INCLUDES A HUMAN BEING PRIOR TO AND DURING BIRTH.

11 (e) "MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR LIFE THREATENING PHYSICAL CONDITIONS
12 INTENDED TO PRESERVE LIFE" INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO TREATMENT FOR
13 CANCER, ECTOPIC AND MOLAR PREGNANCY, TWIN-TO-TWIN TRANSFUSION
14 SYNDROME, AND PLACENTA PREVIA.

15 (4) **Self-executing, and severability provision.** ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION
16 ARE SELF-EXECUTING AND ARE SEVERABLE.