

1 **To Encourage and Emphasize the Need for Congregations in the Montana District**
2 **to Continue Efforts to Support the Sanctity of Human Life**
3

4 **Resolution 03-01**
5

6 WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and The Montana District of The
7 LCMS affirm that God created human life and blessed it: “Before I formed you in the
8 womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you...” (Jeremiah 1:5), and
9 “You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise
10 you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13-14), and “God created
11 man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created
12 them.” (Genesis 1:27); and

13
14 WHEREAS, The LCMS therefore supports the sanctity of human life from conception
15 to natural death; and

16
17 WHEREAS, With the possible reversal of Roe vs. Wade in the U.S. Supreme Court,
18 and the subsequent remanding of life-related law to the states, there are groups in
19 Montana supporting a special session of the legislature to pass laws further restricting or
20 prohibiting abortion; and

21
22 WHEREAS, The Montana state constitution has been interpreted to protect the right
23 to abortion on demand based on the right to privacy, and certain groups are interested in
24 changing the Montana constitution to protect the sanctity of life; and

25
26 WHEREAS, Members of LCMS congregations of the Montana District have the
27 vocation of citizens of their state; and

28
29 WHEREAS, The Montana District congregations support pro-life ministries and
30 organizations, and speak in favor of life and support for parents; therefore be it

31
32 *Resolved*, We commend the Montana District Board’s past and current support of,
33 and financial contributions to, pro-life ministries, as listed on page 42 of the Convention
34 Workbook; and be it further

35
36 *Resolved*, That congregations of the Montana District be encouraged to redouble our
37 efforts to speak for life and support pro-life ministries as the issue is discussed by state
38 leaders and supporters of abortion over the coming triennium; and be it finally

39
40 *Resolved*, that the Montana District Board of Directors issue a news release stating
41 the District’s action in convention to reiterate its support for the sanctity of human life
42 and its opposition of abortion.
43
44
45
46

Signatures

47

48

Pastor Dan Rinderknect, Chair

49

[name and office of submitting entity officer #1]

50

51

Pastor Michael Musegades, Secretary

52

[name and office of submitting entity officer #2]