



PERSONHOOD IS BACK

“I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

2010 Personhood Amendment

Doing Good with your Vote



Press Conference: “Two weeks ago, my son had less rights than a dog or a cat.” Gualberto Garcia Jones J.D., Amendment Co-sponsor

The first question that comes into people’s minds when we tell them that we are campaigning again is, why? Didn’t you lose last time? In 2008, over half a million people voted to grant constitutional protection to preborn children. While it wasn’t enough to win at the ballot box, it was a magnificent start. How many

athletes break the world record on their first try? None. Everything that is good takes time and effort. Protecting the most innocent amongst us is the most noble cause of our generation. **Will we give up after our first try?** Or will we continue to fight until we win?

The Amendment

The 2010 Personhood Amendment is very simple, yet its implications are profound.

The Personhood Amendment will ensure that the Colorado constitution protects children in the womb from abortion and from other forms of “legalized” child killing.

Section 32. Person defined. As used in sections 3, 6, and 25 of Article II of the state constitution, the term "person" shall apply to every human being from the beginning of the biological development of that human being.



WE NEED YOUR HELP RIGHT AWAY

1. We need to collect 76,047 signatures by February 15, 2010.
2. **We need you to make sure that everyone in your church who is eligible to vote has signed the petition.**
3. Get at least three people together and Personhood Colorado will send an



4. experienced petition circulator to train you and give you all the tools you need.
4. Visit our website and register as a petitioner today. By registering, we will be able to provide you with all the necessary resources, including petitions.
5. Pray for the Personhood Amendment and the children that are in danger today.



August 20, 2009

Dear Pastor:

In your state, the 2010 elections have the potential to raise profound questions regarding the sanctity of life. Specifically, the voters in Colorado may have the opportunity to vote on the Personhood Amendment. Supporters of the amendment are currently seeking to gather enough signatures to put the amendment on the 2010 ballot. Many pastors may want to speak in defense of life and in support of the amendment, but could be deterred for fear that their church's federal tax exempt status would somehow be endangered. Often, those fears are sparked by media reports of an "IRS crackdown" which in turn was triggered by complaints from leftist organizations bent on silencing the church.

In virtually every case, such charges are no more than bare scare tactics. The truth is that federal tax law allows a church to spend at least 5% (in some cases, up to 20%) of its total resources on direct lobbying for legislation, which includes both ballot initiatives and referenda. This certainly includes the right of church leaders to urge their congregations to vote for life and in support of the Personhood Amendment. Plainly stated, there is nothing in federal tax law to prevent a pastor from directly telling the congregation to support legislation that the church believes to be beneficial to the community and that would uphold the sanctity of life.

If you need legal advice on a specific situation, please contact ADF at 480-444-0020 or use the "need legal help?" link on the ADF website, www.telladf.org. Note that ADF's services are provided without charge or obligation.

In closing, we would encourage you to consider the 2010 election season as a special mission field. The issue of life on the ballot in that year's elections in your state will offer Christians a special opportunity to talk about moral truth. For example, ballot initiatives like the Personhood Amendment create a splendid opportunity to talk about a transcendent God who created every person for a purpose. We should not hesitate to seize such opportunities to speak—and certainly should not refrain from speaking based upon misperceptions of IRS regulations.

May God bless you in this crucial time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erik W. Stanley".

Erik W. Stanley
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