

## **5. Ultrasound Machines for Pregnancy Care Centers**

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that life begins at conception (Psalm 139:13; Jeremiah 1:5); and

WHEREAS, Abortion kills a child in the womb; and

WHEREAS, The number of pre-born babies who die each year by abortion is reported as: 42 million in the world, 1.3 million in the United States, and 6,500 in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, More than 46 million pre-born children have been killed by abortion in the United States since the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision; and

WHEREAS, Pro-life pregnancy care centers have been instrumental in preventing abortions through counseling and showing life in the womb with an ultrasound image; and

WHEREAS, An expectant mother is less likely to consider abortion once she sees images of her pre-born child; and

WHEREAS, Pro-life pregnancy care centers typically operate with limited budgets and rely on volunteers and donations from the local community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the South Carolina Baptist Convention meeting in Florence, South Carolina on November 13—14, 2007, encourage the leadership of our churches to observe and celebrate the Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 20, 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all South Carolina Baptists to participate in the Stand Up for Life March and Rally, Saturday, January 12, 2008, at noon on the State House steps; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we encourage South Carolina Baptists to support pro-life pregnancy care centers, prayerfully and financially, regarding the purchase of ultrasound machines.