

SUMMARY of REASONS to OPPOSE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

- 1. It will lead to coercion by families (ex wanting inheritance, not wanting ongoing medical expense), medical practitioners and hospital administrators (cheaper and easier to kill than to care for).**
- 2. Will lead to involuntary euthanasia.**
- 3. Promotes the secular humanist view of what gives humans dignity (man is sovereign and the ultimate dignity lies in his choices) at the expense of true human dignity (given by God, the author of life).**
- 4. Promotes the secular humanism/the culture of death view; makes it more acceptable.**
- 5. Disavows laws against suicide in place from the founding of this country and based on God as the author of life.**
- 6. Sacred trust between physician and patient is severely violated.**
- 7. Violates Montana homicide laws.**
- 8. Violates the ethics policy of the Montana Medical Association, AMA, Hippocratic Oath.**
- 9. Opposes the 1997 US Supreme Court unanimous 9:0 ruling rejecting assisted suicide as a constitutional right.**
- 10. Laws help advance and protect what a society values. We must emphatically oppose laws that devalue human life.**
- 11. Gives us an opportunity to promote God's precepts while letting people know why they are so valued and loved by Him.**
- 12. Bring attention to judicial tyranny and specific judges that overstep their job description.**
- 13. Promoting suicide undermines our sense of responsibility, love, and sacrifice for others.**
- 14. There are no tested guidelines for physician-prescribed pills purported to bring a painless, peaceful death; there is a good chance the death will be gruesome for all involved.**
- 15. Physician-estimated prognoses are often wrong.**