

What is Personhood? Why a Personhood Movement? What will a Personhood Amendment do?

- Every human being, from the beginning of their biological development, deserves equal protection under the law. This is the principle of personhood. That human life begins at conception is based on science, not philosophy, political ideology or theology. The 1973 Supreme Court ruling of *Roe v Wade* removed all legal protection from the unborn.
- Throughout modern history, advancement of civil rights has in every case been because of emphatically demonstrating the personhood of the victim. During the *Roe v Wade* hearing, it was admitted that if the personhood of the unborn was established abortion would have no defense.
- Personhood removes the politically charged rhetoric of the debate and replaces it with the commonsense principle that the right to life begins at each human being's biological beginning. It is a concept easy to grasp and embrace, gets to the core of the abortion tragedy and is pivotal to overturning *Roe v Wade*.

Why is Establishment of Personhood Critical in Montana?

- Did you know that in Montana right now there are absolutely no state restrictions on abortion, up to the moment of labor? Did you know that parents in Montana have absolutely no right to know if someone takes their teenaged daughter to get an abortion? Why? Because the courts have stretched the privacy provision of the Montana Constitution beyond all common sense in order to strike down the pro-life laws that the elected legislature of the State of Montana has enacted in the past. Parental notification was even upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, but then struck down by a lower court because of Montana's flawed Constitution which offers no protection for the unborn. The Montana Constitution must be amended to recognize that unborn babies are people, too, and therefore, they have rights and deserve protection. Legal protection based on personhood also applies to the elderly and disabled, and their need for protection is escalating as our culture further devalues human life.

The personhood movement is gaining momentum nationwide. Personhood Montana seeks an amendment to the Montana Constitution stating that personhood begins at conception. It is written in the context of due process in Article II section 17: "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." If we get close to 50,000 signatures, you will see the following on the November 2010 ballot:

- FOR** amending the Montana Constitution's due process section to define "person" to include every human being from the beginning of the human being's biological development.
- AGAINST** amending the Montana Constitution's due process section to define "person" to include every human being from the beginning of the human being's biological development.

What does “beginning of biological development” mean?

“Beginning of biological development,” is the term recommended by our legal counsel to refer to what most of us think of as conception or fertilization. When sperm meets egg, a new individual with his or her own unique DNA is created. That is the very earliest beginning of a person. Please help us fight for the rights of those innocent persons that can’t defend themselves.

Sign the personhood petition NOW to give Montanan’s a chance to show their support for **sacred, sanctity human life November 2010.**

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