

“SAFE HAVEN” PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, programs and legislation aimed at saving the lives of abandoned newborn infants have been endorsed by prosecutors and adopted in over 30 states across America; and

WHEREAS, such “ Safe Haven” related programs have been modeled after the concept first adopted by the District Attorney in Mobile, Alabama, which allows persons to drop off uninjured newborn infants anonymously at area hospitals without fear of prosecution for abandonment of the child; and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering providing funding for “Safe Haven” programs of this nature;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National District Attorneys Association hereby endorses “Safe Haven” programs aimed at avoiding the abandonment, abuse or murder of unwanted and uninjured newborns and saving the lives of such children;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the National District Attorneys Association encourages the local prosecutors of America to participate in the development and establishment of programs of this nature.

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