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Nebraska Right to Life

State Affiliate to the National Right to Life Committee

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Nebraska Walk For Life Saturday, Jan. 19 • 10 a.m.

West Side, State Capitol, 14th & K streets, Lincoln

11:30 a.m. UN-L Student Union, 14th & R streets

Keynote Speaker:

Carol Tobias, President, National Right to Life Committee



Carol Tobias

National Right to Life Committee is the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization and is the parent organization to Nebraska Right to Life. National Right to Life Committee President Carol Tobias, a North Dakota native, has served on the National Right to Life board of directors since 1987. From 1983 to 1991, she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life. In 1991, she was hired as National Right to Life political director, a position held until 2005. During this time, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. In both 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of National Right to Life's political action committee on behalf of George W. Bush.

Walk sponsored by:

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The Nebraska Walk for Life is an event sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life since 1974. It has become the largest First Amendment demonstration in the state, bringing 3,000 to 5,000 pro-lifers from across Nebraska to march in solidarity against Roe v. Wade and in support of women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies.

A short program at the Capitol will be followed by marching at approximately 10:30 a.m. down 14th Street to the University of Nebraska Student Union at 14th & R Streets. Inside the Union's second floor Ballroom and Centennial Room will be hot beverages, food and information tables.

Our keynote speaker, Carol Tobias, will speak at approximately 11:45 a.m. Carol's topic will be "Endless Love: Challenges, Opportunities & Our Commitment For Life." The event will conclude by 1 p.m. Dress warmly, bring signs and remember, the Walk is a free, family-friendly, peaceful, legal event.

Parking is allowed around the Capitol, south of the Capitol and at downtown pay parking garages or metered parking between the Student Union and Capitol.



Bishop James Conley

**9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's
Catholic Church
14th & K streets**

Celebrant:

Bishop James Conley

**Mass is sponsored by the
Bishops' Pastoral Plan
for Pro-Life Activities**

**** Bake Sale****

Donations are welcome for the bake sale at the UN-L Student Union following the Walk. Proceeds help defray expenses of the Walk, which is paid for by Nebraska Right to Life.

Please bring items to the Student Union south entrance beginning at 8 a.m. the day of the Walk, or you may deliver your baked goods to the LRTL house, 2126 South 37th St. Friday, Jan. 18 between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pursuing Kansas Legislation to Provide 4-D Ultrasound Videos On Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Website

Nebraska Right to Life has been in contact with Kansans for Life about legislation passed in Kansas which resulted in 4-D ultrasound images of unborn babies depicted on the Kansas Department of Health website as part of its Informed Consent on Abortion language. Nebraska's Informed Consent on Abortion law passed in 1993 at a time when 4-D ultrasound images were not yet available. We are pursuing upgrading our Informed Consent statute to require that 4-D ultrasound be added to an existing website under Nebraska's DHHS which has the Informed Consent information required by the 1993 law.

NRL staff met with DHHS in December to see how the Kansas legislation might work with our existing DHHS website which provides the Informed Consent on Abortion information dictated by the 1993 law. The premise behind new legislation is that what passed in 1993 is not adequate or state of the art information for 2013. In 1993 there was no 4-D ultrasound and really not even widespread use of websites to search for information. The 1993 Nebraska law followed Informed Consent legislation at the time which directed the State to provide printed material about the development of the unborn baby, the methods of abortion and the complications which can ensue, as well as a printed list of alternative agencies in Nebraska which could provide assistance to carry the baby to term. Under our 1993 statute, Nebraska abortion facilities are to inform anyone making an appointment for an abortion, at least 24 hours in advance of the abortion, that this information is available via a 1-800 number at our DHHS. However, in practice, this information is lost in the shuffle and the abortion providers simply play a pre-recorded message on the phone to those making abortion appointments, which quickly gives out the DHHS 800 number. There is not a demand for the printed informational booklets from DHHS.

Clearly, our Informed Consent statute is not working well and would be greatly improved by passing language similar to Kansas' law. One could argue that Googling this information is now available to everyone, but the point is Nebraska has a public policy of providing Informed Consent on Abortion to women and young girls who are contemplating abortion and that information is not getting through to them in the way that

people search for information today, as opposed to 1993.

Following is a draft of the legislation which we would like to see introduced in this session of the Legislature:

NEW (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall make available on its Internet website page dealing with the information required in Section 28-327.01, a video of the four dimensional (4D) sonogram showing a developing unborn child at various ages of development as it is posted on the Kansas website on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment referenced in K.S.A. 65-6710(b) as it exists on the effective day of this law.

NEW SECTION. INTERNET WEBSITE.

(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall develop and maintain on its Internet web site a dedicated stable internet web page to provide the information described under Section 28-327.01. No information regarding who uses the website shall be collected or maintained. The Department of Health and Human Services shall monitor the website on a daily basis to prevent and correct tampering and shall immediately notify abortion providers of any change in the location of the material on its website.

(b) The website:

(1) must use enhanced, user-friendly search capabilities to ensure that the information described in Section 28-327.01 is easily accessible, and must use searchable by keywords and phrases, specifically to ensure that entering the term "abortion" and "abortion information" yields the Section 28-327.01 materials, regardless of how the Section 28-327.01 materials are labeled;

(2) must ensure that the Section 28-327.01 material is printable;

(3) must give clear prominent instructions on how to receive the information in printed form; and

(4) must be accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of a user name, a password, or another user identification

NEW SECTION. ABORTION PROVIDER WEBSITE.

If an abortion provider has a website, the abortion provider shall place on its home page a direct link to the Department of Health and Human Services' informed consent materials described in Section 28-327.01. The language of the link shall be maintained at a minimum resolution of 70 DPI (dots per inch). All letters on the link shall be a minimum of 14 point font and shall read: "The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services maintains a website containing objective, nonjudgmental, scientifically accurate information about the development of the unborn child, as well as a video of sonogram images of the unborn child at various stages of development. It also has information on alternatives to abortion and a comprehensive list on where to obtain an ultrasound free



The Kansas Department of Health website includes 4-D ultrasound images of unborn babies.



Kansas statute has their DHHS linking to this objective, scientific site which provides dozens of 4-D ultrasound moving videos of unborn babies as well as still photos about fetal development. The Endowment for Human Development has provided this information free of charge.
<http://www.ehd.org/prenatal-summary.php>

of charge. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services's website can be reached by clicking here."

ACTION ITEM: YOUR HELP NEEDED NOW TO GET THIS BILL INTRODUCED!

This draft legislation has been sent to every pro-life senator in the Unicameral and to date, very few have expressed interest. The Legislature convenes January 9th and there are only ten legislative calendar days set for bill introduction, taking us to around Jan. 23rd. After that, no new legislation may be introduced.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS BILL INTRODUCED

**To contact via e-mail, use this formula: first initial, last name@leg.ne.gov
For example: Senator Colby Coash is ccoash@leg.ne.gov**

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THIS SESSION PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SENATOR AND ASK IF THEY WILL INTRODUCE IT OR WORK TO ENSURE THAT ONE OF THEIR COLLEAGUES DOES. If you know that your senator is pro-life you should contact them. If you don't know your senator's stand, contact NRL via nebras-kartl@gmail.com or call 402-318-8291 and we can tell you whether or not to approach your senator on this topic.

THIS IS HOW THE UNICAMERAL WORKS. LOBBYISTS CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH. IT IS UP TO CONCERNED CITIZENS TO DO THE REST. PLEASE HELP NOW BY CONTACTING YOUR SENATOR VIA THIS E-MAIL/PHONE NUMBER LIST BELOW OR BY CONTACTING NRL FOR MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU!

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Both sites are updated daily with video/links/posts from national and state sources. Tell your friends and family on these sites to join the NRL pages.

One Rose, One Life Campaign in January by the State Knights of Columbus supports pro-life causes in Nebraska, unfortunately Nebraska Right to Life is not among them. Please consider asking your local Knights of Columbus Council to send NRL a portion of the One Rose income that the local councils get to keep for their own distribution. Thank you!

Around the State

October 6th Shoot for Life fundraising trapshoot organizers Mick Reynolds & Dennis Beran with Bishop Dendinger at the Grand Island event which raised \$5,000, split between Nebraska Right to Life and Grand Island Right to Life.



Columbus Area Right to Life Co-President Barb McPhillips leads a chapter meeting in October.



NRL table features Spanish materials at Hispanic Congresso in Grand Island in October.



Speaker of the Legislature Mike Flood speaks at the South Central Nebraska Right to Life meeting in Hastings in October.