



NEBRASKA

*Right to Life*

State affiliate to  
National Right to Life

January 2025

**2025**

**NEBRASKA**

**WALK FOR LIFE**

**& GALA**

The Saturday  
Walk for Life  
is a Free Event!

**JANUARY 31**

Nebraska Right to Life Gala  
5:30 p.m. at the  
Embassy Suites, La Vista, Nebraska

**GALA SPEAKER**

**JIM CAVIEZEL**



Jim is an actor and pro-life advocate. He is best known for playing Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ" and Tim Ballard in "Sound of Freedom."

**FEBRUARY 1**

Nebraska Walk for Life,  
10 a.m. at the Nebraska State Capitol, then  
Cornhusker Marriott, Lincoln

**WALK SPEAKER**

**ELIZABETH GILLETTE**



Elizabeth is a pro-life author and speaker who experienced a chemical abortion firsthand.

Gala tickets and  
sponsorships  
available here.



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**Cutoff for  
registration is  
January 17.**

The annual Pro-Life Mass takes place before the Nebraska Walk for Life at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 14th and K streets.

Grand Island Bishop Hanefeldt, homilist and celebrant. Sponsored by Nebraska Catholic Conference.

# Summary of Pro-Life Election Results by State\*

Voters in Florida, Nebraska and South Dakota voted down major pro-abortion proposals in their states, while seven other states saw voters approve measures to expand abortion, in several cases codifying abortion access into the state constitution.

After back-to-back pro-life losses in half a dozen states since 2022, the rejection of the pro-abortion measures in three states represent the first victories at the ballot box for pro-life advocates since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

**Here's a breakdown of the results in each state that voted on abortion Nov. 5.**

**Arizona:** Voters in Arizona definitively approved Proposition 139, which provides constitutionally for a “fundamental right to abortion.” The measure says the state cannot restrict abortion until the point of “viability,” at approximately 24 weeks of pregnancy, unless it has a compelling reason and does so in the least restrictive way possible. The measure also prevents the state from interfering with abortions after viability if, in the good-faith judgment of a treating health professional, an abortion is “necessary to protect the life or physical or mental health of the pregnant individual.”

**Colorado:** Voters approved Amendment 79, which enshrines in the state constitution the state laws already in place that allow abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Specifically, it amends the state constitution to say that the government “shall not deny, impede, or discriminate against the exercise of the right to abortion, including prohibiting health insurance coverage for abortion.”

**Florida:** The pro-abortion lobby poured more than \$100 million into Florida in an effort to enshrine abortion in the state constitution and negate the state’s Heartbeat Protection Act, one of the most pro-life laws in the country, which restricts abortion after six weeks of pregnancy with limited exceptions. The measure failed after garnering 57% of the vote; it needed 60% to pass.

**Maryland:** The Maryland Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment, or Question 1, cements an abortion “right” in the state’s constitution and will make it impossible for pro-life laws to be enacted, advocates say. Maryland voters overwhelmingly approved the measure, with roughly 75% voting Yes.

**Missouri:** Missouri was one of the first states to fully ban abortion after the fall of *Roe v. Wade*. On election day, voters narrowly approved Amendment 3, which adds a “fundamental right to reproductive freedom” to the state constitution, threatening to undo decades of pro-life gains.



**Montana:** Montanans voted roughly 57-43 to establish a “right” to abortion in the state constitution. The initiative, also known as CI-128, guarantees the right to abortion before fetal viability, enshrining a 1999 Montana Supreme Court ruling that held that pre-viability abortions fall under a constitutional “right to privacy.”

**Nebraska:** (omitted here; see article by Sandy Danek on page 3.)

**Nevada:** Nevadans approved a measure, Question 6, that if ultimately adopted will codify already-existing state laws into the state constitution that allow for abortion up to roughly 24 weeks into pregnancy. The measure passed roughly 63-37. In Nevada, a simple majority vote in two consecutive elections is required for state constitutional amendments. So despite passing Nov. 5, the same measure must be approved in 2026 as well.

**New York:** An “equal rights” amendment will be added to the New York Constitution after voters approved it on election day. Though it does not explicitly mention abortion, New York’s Proposal 1 will bar discrimination based on “pregnancy outcomes,” “gender expression,” and “reproductive health care and autonomy,” effectively enshrining abortion in the state constitution.

**South Dakota:** By a vote of nearly 60-40, voters in South Dakota rejected a measure that would have instituted a “right” to abortion there.

*\*Excerpted from online article titled “3 states reject pro-abortion ballot measures while 7 other states expand abortion” by Jonah McKeown, Catholic News Agency, November 6, 2024. Full article at <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/3-states-reject-pro-abortion-ballot-measures-while-7-other-states-expand-abortion/97971>.*

# LIFE Wins at the Polls in Nebraska

By Sandy Danek, Executive Director

On election day 2024, Nebraskan voters faced a first-in-the-nation test when they voted on two competing constitutional amendments on abortion: Initiative 434 and Initiative 439.

Initiative 434, which prohibits second- and third-trimester abortions with exceptions, passed with 55% of the vote while 45% voted against it. A competing pro-abortion Initiative 439 garnered 48% of the vote with 51% against. There was about a 60,000 vote difference in favor of Initiative 434.

In November 2023, the abortion industry announced its intent for a ballot initiative that would enshrine abortion in the Nebraska State Constitution until viability, with a health exception that would allow abortion up until the birth of a child. The language was vague, with undefined terms and extreme proposals that would negate laws that have been in place for decades, such as parental involvement and an assurance that Nebraska tax dollars would not be used for abortion performance.

Leading the charge was Planned Parenthood, along with other abortion advocacy organizations supported by ACLU of Nebraska. Their well-funded campaign produced a multitude of television and radio ads that centered on the issue of abortion needed for medical care. Those ads falsely said that women would not receive treatment for miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy, and IVP procedures would be prohibited.

The Protect Women and Children campaign, initiated by a group of medical professionals, brought forward a ballot initiative measure that gave the pro-life movement in Nebraska an ability to support a strategic tool that could bring down the Protect Our Rights to Abortion Initiative 439.

Initiative 434 read: "Except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters."

Nebraska Right to Life, Nebraska Family Alliance, and the Nebraska Catholic Conference, along with Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, joined the campaign to form a formidable coalition. We brought statewide grassroots activism together with faith-based organizations working to expose the deception and dangerous intent of the abortion measure.

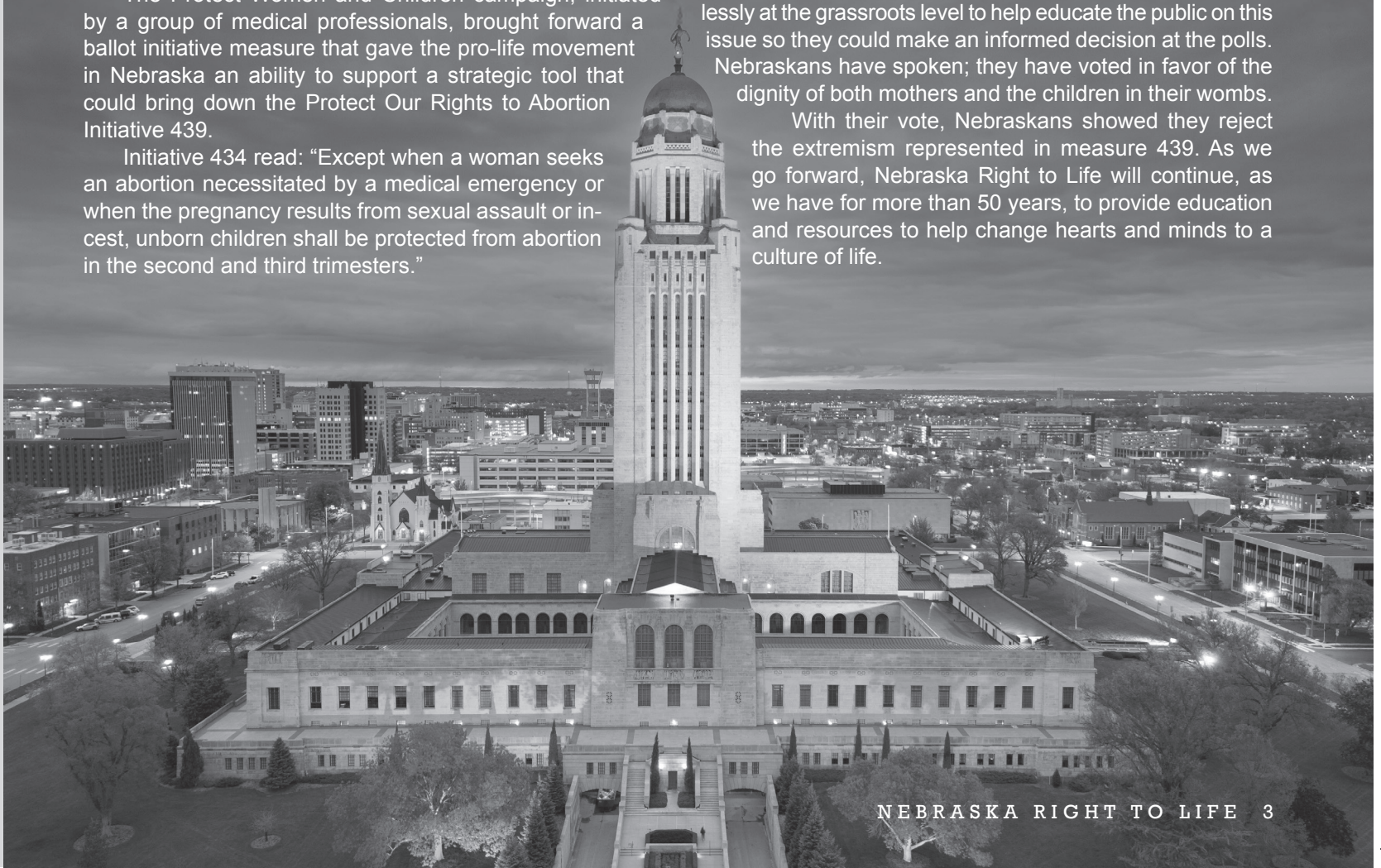
This yearlong pro-life effort brought new faces and a tremendous resolve to work together for the cause of protecting the dignity of human life. Messaging from the pro-life coalition focused on medical professionals who shared their concern for women's safety and support in the event that Initiative 439 passed. They pointed out how there was no assurance that a healthcare provider performing abortions would be a physician or even a licensed medical professional.

Nebraska Right to Life chapters, county GOP, and church groups welcomed pro-life coalition members from across the state who offered educational presentations as well as literature, yard signs, and billboards to help inform Nebraska voters on the two ballot measures.

In the last weeks of the campaign, the pro-life coalition worked together to provide a full-page ad that included more than 1,000 medical professionals, stating their support for Initiative 434 and a final TV ad highlighting six athletes from the University of Nebraska softball and volleyball teams who asked Nebraskans to "Get in the Game" and reject the abortion measure 439 and support the pro-life measure 434.

We are so grateful for all of the people who worked tirelessly at the grassroots level to help educate the public on this issue so they could make an informed decision at the polls. Nebraskans have spoken; they have voted in favor of the dignity of both mothers and the children in their wombs.

With their vote, Nebraskans showed they reject the extremism represented in measure 439. As we go forward, Nebraska Right to Life will continue, as we have for more than 50 years, to provide education and resources to help change hearts and minds to a culture of life.



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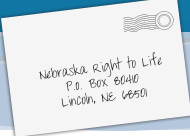
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Memorials

*In Memory of David Spicka of Fremont*

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