October 27, 2026

Missouri Baptist Convention Messengers pass the following Resolution with a unanimous vote in St. Charles, Missouri on October 27, 2026. The Missouri Baptist Convention is made up of a network of more than 1,700 cooperating Southern Baptist Churches. This resolution also affirms Missouri Baptists support of Amendment 3 on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

Supporting Compassion and Care for Women, Children, Babies (Born and Unborn) and Families of Missouri

WHEREAS, the Missouri Baptist Convention (MBC), a network of more than 1,700 cooperating Southern Baptist churches throughout Missouri that work together to carry out the Great Commission, affirms the inherent God-given right to life of children, born and unborn, as the MBC affirmed in Section XVIII, The Family, of The Baptist Faith & Message 2000 (adopted June 14, 2000, and amended June 14, 2023), that "Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord" (Genesis 1:26-28 and Psalm 127:3), and

WHEREAS, the people of Missouri have repeatedly chosen, through their duly elected representatives in the legislative and executive bodies, to establish state laws that defend families in various ways, some of which have protected innocent life in the womb, protected women from the immense harm of abortion, and protected innocent children from damaging transgender surgeries and hormonal treatments that would have changed their God-given gender; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 would begin the first step of reversing and repealing the pro-abortion Article 1, Section 36, now in our Missouri Constitution that allows abortion on demand all 9 months of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 would protect babies from abortion on demand and protect children from debilitating transgender procedures; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Constitution Amendment 3 would allow our life-affirming laws to stay in place and give the legislature back the ability to protect our families by protecting babies, moms, and children; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's historic reversal of Roe v. Wade on June 24, 2022, giving Missouri and her sister states the full authority to completely prohibit abortion within their borders; and the United States Supreme Court's historic decision on June 18, 2025, determining that states can ban and regulate gender-affirming care and that these protections for children do not violate the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Baptists have spoken in love and compassion for women and the protection of innocent lives from abortion and for the protection of children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we will continue to speak in support of saving all those we can now and to continue our effort to save all babies, children, moms and families. We do this work through our faith and commitment to be a voice and example of Christ's love through our churches now and over the last 50+ years; be it further

RESOLVED, that the Missouri Baptist Convention on October 26-27, 2026, in St. Charles, Missouri, strongly supports the 2026 Constitutional Amendment 3 with the language put forth by the duly elected legislators of Missouri to change the Missouri Constitution back to one that values and cherishes life from the moment of conception; be it finally

RESOLVED, that we vow to continue our work in love and compassion through our churches in communities across Missouri to reach out in a Christ like manner to share Christ with women and families in need and work with our legislators to protect and nurture all families as defined by God.