The people of the State of Nevada do enact as follows:

Article 1. Sec. 23. <u>Unalienable right to life of every prenatal person is protected</u>. The intentional taking of a prenatal person's life shall never be allowed in this State. For the purpose of this section only, the terms "prenatal person" include every human being at all stages of biological development before birth.

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In this same opinion the Supreme Court said that no laws existed in 1973 which defined the prenatal human being as a person. This is no longer true today. At least thirty-eight states, including Nevada, have enacted fetal homicide laws, with elective abortion being excepted. The majority of those states' fetal homicide laws protect prenatal persons up to the earliest stages of pregnancy. Endowing personhood prohibits fetal homicide during all stages of every prenatal person's biological development.

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