

## **The Family Foundation's Position on Right to Life Issues**

Each year The Family Foundation makes in-depth assessments about the political landscape of Virginia, including an analysis of legislative composition and judicial make-up at the state and federal level. This critical review factors into which initiatives we support, which items are placed on our legislative agenda for the following General Assembly session, and which become our top priorities. With guidance from national organizations such as Focus on the Family, Alliance Defense Fund and Americans United for Life, it is our best assessment that, while "Personhood" amendments and bills are valid and courageous efforts to ban abortion, at this point in time, these efforts are not the best place for us to invest our finite resources. However, we applaud and support our courageous colleagues for whom this is their top priority.

Within the pro-life movement are countless organizations, individuals and elected officials who all share the same objective—to end the needless destruction of human life as quickly as possible. Within that larger objective are several specific goals including, but not limited to: a) banning abortion b) banning embryonic stem cell research and c) creating a culture that rejects abortion as a reasonable choice when confronted with an unplanned pregnancy.

The Family Foundation, guided by its President and Board of Directors, will advocate for providing ultrasounds to women facing unplanned pregnancy, stopping state funding of low-income elective abortion and Planned Parenthood, increasing the safety standards of abortion clinics and informing women considering abortion that unborn children feel pain inside the womb. We believe this to be the most effective way for us to utilize our resources at this time to make Virginia the most Pro-Life State in the Nation.