



State Deputy Letter



Statement on "Abortion Provider's Appreciation Day"

March 13, 2025

Attn: Governor Kotek,

Greetings. I am Kenneth J. Anderson, State Deputy of the Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus. I am writing in regards to the recent proclamation declaring March 10th to be "Abortion Provider's Appreciation Day." As State Deputy, I speak for the Oregon Knights of Columbus in expressing our utmost dissatisfaction with this recent action. We consider this to be completely unacceptable and a clear violation of the Oregon Government's role to act in accordance with the Common Good.

As a Catholic men's Fraternal Organization, we proudly and unwaveringly stand for Life. We do so without apology, without compromise, and without exception. We recognize the dignity of each human person from the moment of their conception until natural death. We take pride in being recognized as knights, men of old who were renowned for chivalry and defense of the vulnerable. Our high duty of chivalry remains true today as we defend the most vulnerable today, namely, the unborn. As Knights of Columbus, we will continue to defend the unborn and defend life as given to us by God. He alone can give and take life according to His Will.

The duty of government is to protect and serve those it represents. It is also expected to ensure that the dignity of each human being remains upheld. Government is also charged with looking after the best interests of its constituents. Such a proclamation fails to protect the unborn children it represents, uphold their dignity, and also fails to represent the interests and beliefs of an overwhelming number of constituents who adamantly oppose abortion and consider it to be an intrinsic evil. Historically, holidays have recognized important and notable events in the history of our country that are nonpartisan. This recent proclamation supports a partisan political agenda and represents the desires of a fraction of the government's constituents.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus do not support this recent proclamation and will not stand for it. We request that this proclamation be rescinded immediately and that the Oregon Government would take actions that represent all its constituents and promote the Common Good.

Respectfully submitted,

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