



Federal Human Personhood Amendment

Purpose:

To establish that legal personhood is granted to all human beings in the United States from the beginning of their biological development.

Section 1.

The right to life is the paramount and most fundamental right of a person.

Section 2.

With respect to the right to life guaranteed to persons by the fifth and fourteenth articles of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the word “person” applies to all human beings; irrespective of age, health, function, physical or mental ability, disability, dependence or method of reproduction; from the beginning of their biological development as human beings (i.e., as human organisms).

Section 3.

Congress and the several States, including territories under United States control, shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Section 4.

Definitions

Human being: Any organism, including the single-cell human embryo, irrespective of the method of reproduction, who possesses a genome specific for and consistent with an individual member of the human species.

Human organism: An individual living human being, including the single-cell human embryo, who can react to stimuli, reproduce, grow and maintain homeostasis.

Human cell: The structural, functional and biological unit of all human organisms.

Human genome: The total amount of nuclear and extranuclear DNA genetic material that constitutes an organism as an individual member of the human species—including the single-cell human embryo.

Human embryo: The term is used to define all human beings from the beginning of the embryonic period of their biological development through eight weeks; irrespective of age, health, function, physical or mental ability, disability, dependence or method of reproduction; whether *in vivo* or *in vitro*.

Human fetus: The term is used to define all human beings from the beginning of the fetal period of their biological development (the beginning of nine weeks) through birth; irrespective of age, health, function, physical or mental ability, disability, dependence or method of reproduction; whether *in vivo* or *in vitro*.

Human personhood: The legal recognition of every human being’s full status as a human person, including all the rights that accrue thereto, that applies to all human beings; irrespective of age, health, function, physical or mental ability, disability, dependence or method of reproduction; from the beginning of their biological development as human beings (i.e., as human organisms).