

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0004

Crisis pregnancy centers.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brechtel and Walsh and  
Senator(s) Erb

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to crisis pregnancy centers.

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3 WHEREAS, more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) crisis  
4 pregnancy centers across the United States meet the  
5 comprehensive physical, psychological, emotional and  
6 spiritual needs of women and men facing unplanned  
7 pregnancies; and

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9 WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers offer women free,  
10 confidential services, including pregnancy testing,  
11 advocacy, housing, medical referrals, counseling and  
12 childbirth and parenting classes; and

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14 WHEREAS, many crisis pregnancy centers offer ultrasound  
15 services and information about adoption planning services

1 to pregnant mothers; and

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3 WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers encourage women to make  
4 positive life choices by equipping them with complete and  
5 accurate information regarding their pregnancy options and  
6 the development of their unborn children; and

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8 WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers ensure that women are  
9 receiving prenatal information and services that lead to  
10 the birth of healthy newborns; and

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12 WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers provide women with  
13 compassionate and confidential counseling in a  
14 nonjudgmental manner, regardless of their pregnancy  
15 outcomes; and

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17 WHEREAS, the federal government and state governments are  
18 increasingly recognizing the valuable services of crisis  
19 pregnancy centers through the designation of public funds  
20 for these organizations; and

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22 WHEREAS, many crisis pregnancy centers work to prevent  
23 unexpected pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence  
24 education in many venues, including in public schools, and

1 provide grief assistance for women and men who regret the  
2 loss of their children from past choices they have made;  
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5 WHEREAS, crisis pregnancy centers operate primarily through  
6 reliance on voluntary donations and the time of caring  
7 individuals who are committed to caring for the needs of  
8 women and promoting and protecting life; and

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10 WHEREAS, there are approximately six (6) crisis pregnancy  
11 centers currently in operation in Wyoming.

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13 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE*  
14 *STATE OF WYOMING:*

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16 **Section 1.** That the legislature strongly supports crisis  
17 pregnancy centers in their unique, positive contributions  
18 to the individual lives of women and men and of babies –  
19 both born and unborn.

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21 **Section 2.** That the legislature commends the compassionate  
22 work of tens of thousands of volunteers and paid staff at  
23 crisis pregnancy centers in Wyoming and across the United  
24 States.

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2 **Section 3.** That the legislature encourages the Congress of  
3 the United States and other federal and state government  
4 agencies to grant crisis pregnancy centers assistance for  
5 medical equipment and abstinence education in a manner that  
6 does not compromise the religious integrity of these  
7 organizations.

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9 **Section 4.** That the legislature disapproves of the actions  
10 of any national, state or local groups attempting to  
11 prevent crisis pregnancy centers from effectively serving  
12 women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

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14 **Section 5.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit  
15 a copy of this resolution to each crisis pregnancy center  
16 in Wyoming, to the President of the United States and to  
17 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives of the United States Congress.

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