A RECORD OF PROTECTING LIFE

"It is time to move beyond typical Washington politics, and offer support for stem-cell research techniques that bring science and ethics together to promote life, protect life, and save lives." – Governor Mitt Romney (Governor Mitt Romney, Op-Ed, "A Stem-Cell Solution," *National Review Online*, 6/15/07)

- **Click Here To Read Governor Romney's Full Op-Ed In The *National Review Online*.**

FACT: Governor Romney Opposed Efforts To Advance Embryo-Destructive Research In Massachusetts.

In 2005, Governor Romney Vetoed A State Stem Cell Bill That Would Have Permitted Embryo-Destructive Research. "Gov. Mitt Romney vetoed a bill Friday to expand stem cell experiments in Massachusetts because it would allow the cloning of human embryos – a practice he has called morally wrong." (Theo Emery, "Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney Vetoes Stem Cell Bill," *The Associated Press*, 5/27/05)

- **Governor Romney:** "It is wrong to allow science to take an assembly line approach to the production of human embryos, the creation of which will be rooted in experimentation and destruction." (Theo Emery, "Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney Vetoes Stem Cell Bill," *The Associated Press*, 5/27/05)

FACT: Governor Romney Opposes Using Taxpayer Money To Fund Embryo-Destructive Research.

Governor Romney: "I don't believe that somatic cell nuclear transfer or cloning and embryo farming are appropriate and would not pursue federal funding of those forms of stem cell research." (David A. Lieb, "Romney Wraps Self In Reagan Lingo," *The Associated Press*, 2/11/07)

- **Governor Romney Believes We Can Support Techniques That "Produce The Equivalent Of Embryonic Stem Cells But Without Cloning, Creating, Harming, Or Destroying Developing Human Lives."** "I studied the issue for many months, and entered into conversation with experts from across the nation who were looking for consensus solutions, like Stanford's Dr. William Hurlbut. In the end, I became persuaded that the stem-cell debate was grounded in a false premise, and that the way through it was around it: by the use of scientific techniques that could produce the equivalent of embryonic stem cells but without cloning, creating, harming, or destroying developing human lives." (Governor Mitt Romney, Op-Ed, "A Stem-Cell Solution," *National Review Online*, 6/15/07)

FACT: Governor Romney Has A Strong Record Of Supporting Life.

Governor Romney: "Every decision I have made as Governor in a very liberal state has been on the side of favoring life." (Robert Behre, "Romney Gets S.C. Support," *Charleston Post-Courier*, 1/30/07)

- **Governor Romney Vetoed Legislation That Would Have Provided For The "Morning After Pill" Without A Prescription.** (Governor Mitt Romney, Op-Ed, "Why I Vetoed The Contraception Bill," *The Boston Globe*, 7/26/05)

- **Governor Romney Promoted Abstinence Education In The Classroom.** (Office Of Governor Mitt Romney, "Romney Announces Award Of Abstinence Education Contract," Press Release, 4/20/06)

- **Governor Romney Vetoed Legislation That Would Have Changed The Longstanding Definition Of The Beginning Of Human Life From Fertilization To Implantation.** (Governor Mitt Romney, Letter To The Massachusetts State Senate And House Of Representatives, 5/12/05)

- **Governor Romney Supported Parental Notification Laws And Opposed Efforts To Weaken Parental Involvement.** (John McElhenny, "O'Brien And Romney Spar In Last Debate Before Election," *The Associated Press*, 10/29/02)

Massachusetts Citizens For Life Executive Director Marie Sturgis: "Having Governor Romney in the corner office for the last four years has been one of the strongest assets the pro-life movement has had in Massachusetts." (Kathryn Jean Lopez, "An Early Massachusetts Primary," *National Review*, 1/10/07)

Massachusetts Citizens For Life Pioneer Valley Chapter Chairman Kevin Jourdain: "Mitt Romney was a great Governor, who served with honor and distinction. But most importantly, he was a pro-life Governor. He vetoed a number of pro-abortion pieces of legislation and made many pro-life appointments. He was always there for us." (Kevin Jourdain, Remarks, Agawam, MA, 5/10/07)

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