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## National Sanctity of Human Life Day

Madison, WI – Today marks the 36th annual "National Sanctity of Human Life Day," which was first enacted by the proclamation of President Ronald Reagan in 1988. Rep Allen released the following statement:

"Today is a day where we celebrate life and advocate for this most cherished right of every human being. Without the right to life, no other right can be pursued. Life is a God-given right of every human being, and it is enshrined in our Declaration of Independence.

"Today, we must ask ourselves some straightforward questions. When does human life begin? Is human life worth protecting?

"There are very clear facts that cannot be ignored. DNA reveals a preborn baby to be a distinct human being from the mother. Since we mark human death by the end of brainwaves and the cessation of a beating heart, we, therefore, should mark active brainwaves and a heartbeat as clear signs of life at the beginning. Both brainwaves and a heartbeat can be detected as early as 6 weeks after conception.

"Pro-death organizations, like Planned Parenthood, avoid these questions, because the answers are clear and require a moral response.

"Protecting the right to life is not always convenient, expedient or politically popular. How we treat the least among us, the voiceless ones, reveals our character. We must remember that it was compromise that ultimately led to the Civil War where our nation struggled over our moral identity.

"We might choose to gamble on our Creator not judging us as a nation for this moral evil. Our history suggests that this is not a wise path.

"Today, all of us who have not been denied the right to life should use our voices and our votes to protect the foundational right to life for every human being."

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Rep. Scott Allen represents the City of Waukesha, the Villages of Dousman, North Prairie, Summit, and Waukesha, and the Towns of Genesee, Mukwonago, and Ottawa.