



Public Health

RESOLUTION 2008-04

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO DEFINING THE TERM "PERSON," AS USED IN THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, TO INCLUDE ANY HUMAN BEING FROM THE MOMENT OF FERTILIZATION

WHEREAS, the mission of Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) is to protect, promote, and enhance the health and well-being of all people and the environment in Boulder County; and

WHEREAS, BCPH is committed to promoting the reproductive health of women through preventing unintended pregnancy and assuring access to health care for women including treatments for cancer, tubal pregnancies, and infertility; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, would define the term "person" to include "any human being from the moment of fertilization," and would apply this definition to the provisions of the Colorado Constitution relating to inalienable rights, equality of justice, and due process of law; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, would allow government interference in the doctor-patient relationship, limiting the exercise of independent medical judgment, to include restricting a doctor from using certain medical procedures and treatments; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, may subject medical professionals to legal action and prevent a pregnant women from undergoing medical treatment if such treatment could affect another "person" (the fertilized egg); and

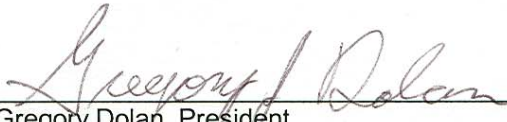
WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, could limit the ability of individuals to make private, personal choices about their lives and their health; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, would limit access to abortions; medical research involving embryos; and could ban certain forms of contraception, including emergency contraception (EC) and the intrauterine device (IUD); and

WHEREAS, Amendment 48, if passed, would inhibit the ability of BCPH to protect, promote, and enhance the health and well-being of the people of Boulder County, particularly women of child-bearing age.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOULDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH OF BOULDER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, BOULDER, COLORADO, that the Boulder County Board of Health hereby opposes the passage of Amendment 48 or any other local, state, or federal law that would define the term "person" to include any human being from the moment of fertilization.

ADOPTED, this 13th day of October, 2008.



Gregory Dolan, President
Boulder County Board of Health