

A resolution against the legalization of for-profit commercial surrogacy in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, for-profit commercial surrogacy has been banned in some states and many nations, including; the United Kingdom, Denmark, France, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Bulgaria, New Zealand, Australia, India, and our neighbor to the north, Canada; and

WHEREAS, there are health and psychological risks to the children born via surrogacy, including a higher risk of low birth weights, an increase in stillbirths, and higher levels of psychological adjustment difficulties; and

WHEREAS, commercial for-profit surrogacy treats unborn children like commodities that can be bought and sold; and

WHEREAS, the for-profit commercial surrogacy industry preys upon vulnerable women, favoring the desires and preferences of the more affluent intended parents over her needs and rights as a pregnant mother; and

WHEREAS, for-profit commercial surrogacy arrangements create a buyer/seller imbalance where women become vulnerable to inadequate “informed” consent, coercive situations, inadequate health care coverage, or short- and long-term emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, surrogacy carries serious health risks and complications to the surrogate mother, such as gestational diabetes and pre-eclampsia, and has even resulted in death; and

WHEREAS, a woman’s body should never be for rent and a child should never be for sale;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Minnesota should not support legalization of for-profit commercial surrogacy in the State of Minnesota.