

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

(By Senators Rucker, Rose, Chapman, and Helton)

[Introduced March 18, 2025]

1 Recognizing the West Virginia Mothers and Babies Support Program for their outstanding
2 achievements.

3 Whereas, The West Virginia Mothers and Babies Support Program (WVMBSP) has had an
4 extraordinary impact during the 2023-2024 program year, successfully expanding services to
5 women and babies in all 55 counties across the state; and

6 Whereas, The program has enabled 49 Pregnancy Help Organization (PHO) locations,
7 including 23 pregnancy care centers, three maternity homes, and 23 social service agencies to
8 provide critical assistance, resulting in 11,858 women and babies receiving life-affirming support;
9 and

10 Whereas, The WVMBSP facilitated major expansions, such as Choices Women's Center
11 in Clarksburg moving to a larger facility to offer more services, and Compass Women's Center in
12 Morgantown acquiring an ultrasound machine to transition into a medical clinic providing free
13 ultrasounds to women in need; and

14 Whereas, The program funded essential resources, including car seats, cribs, prenatal
15 vitamins, hygiene supplies, parenting education, and over 150,000 diapers to support families in
16 need; and

17 Whereas, The monthly Mountaineer Legal Seminars, led by esteemed legal expert
18 Jeanneane Maxon, provided PHOs with crucial education on legal compliance, child abuse
19 reporting, client confidentiality, and policy best practices, equipping centers to better serve
20 mothers and babies; and

1 Whereas, The Fatherhood Programs encouraged increased paternal involvement, offering
2 mentorship, parenting education, and community support to fathers, thereby strengthening
3 families; and

4 Whereas, WVMBSP's commitment to excellence included 23 in-person and 3 virtual site
5 visits to ensure compliance, program effectiveness, and the highest standard of care for families;
6 and

7 Whereas, The program received overwhelmingly positive feedback, with PHOs reporting
8 that funding allowed them to significantly expand services, and clients expressing deep gratitude
9 for the life-changing support they received, as reflected in testimonials such as: *"This program has*
10 *been an absolute blessing. I would not have been able to provide for my baby without the help we*
11 *received."* and *"The financial support for our center allowed us to dream big and serve more*
12 *women than we ever imagined."*; therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate:*

14 That the Senate hereby recognizes the West Virginia Mothers and Babies Support
15 Program for their outstanding achievements; and, be it

16 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate acknowledge the dedication of the WVPCC team,
17 PHOs, and community partners who have worked tirelessly to make this program a success,
18 ensuring that West Virginia remains a place where mothers and babies receive the care, support,
19 and dignity they deserve; and, be it

20 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
21 the West Virginia Mothers and Babies Support Program team.