

WHEREAS, Since 1989, the Oklahoma Family Policy Council—and its forerunner, the Resource Institute of Oklahoma—has served Oklahoma families in numerous ways, to ensure a healthy, “family friendly” culture in the Sooner State and to defend Judeo-Christian values in the public square.

WHEREAS, Among the Council’s better-known programs is KEEP (Kids Eagerly Endorsing Purity), an abstinence-until-marriage education program for students aged 12-20. Since 1999, volunteer teachers trained by OFPC have taught KEEP in some 250 public schools in Central Oklahoma and Tulsa County to over 60,000 Oklahoma young people.

WHEREAS, citizens are familiar with OFPC because of its programs to strengthen families, fatherhood and marriage. OFPC has been the forerunner on an annual "Family Day" at the State Capitol. OFPC has partnered for many years with the National Center for Fathering to present fatherhood seminars and has been heavily involved in the marriage issue since 1997.

WHEREAS, OFPC has worked with its Marriage Network Oklahoma partners to help Oklahoma’s churches develop comprehensive marriage ministries and with members of the state Legislature on policies to prevent family fragmentation.

WHEREAS, since 2003, OFPC has also led the Oklahoma Pro-Life Media Coalition, which has promoted pro-life projects to

the public and has held annual pro-life luncheons at the state Capitol.

WHEREAS, we are confident that the work of the Oklahoma Family Policy Council in the past two decades has been of much benefit to the citizens of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, since inception, Oklahoma Family Policy Council has been led by three executive directors and by a group of men and women, who have served faithfully as volunteers on OFPC's governing Board of Directors. The executive directors have included Terry Allean, Bill Held and Mike Jestes.

WHEREAS, current and past board members include Lloyd & Karla McAlister, Alan & Michelle Mauldin, Steve & Teri Prentice, Cynthia Prentice, Dr. Ross & Mary Rumph, Dr. Craig & Kayla Evans, Glenn & Dana Haueter, Robin Jones, Col. Lloyd & Susan Smith, Bill & Amy Wolfe, Mike & Donna Jestes, Emoly West, Barry C. & Janis Blades, Scott & Debra Duncan, Elliott Fenton, Paul & Nancy Goodman, Beth Hammons, Bob & Connie Hudspeth, Warren & JoAnn Kridler, Dennis & Ruth Ann Napier, Mike & Donna Thralls, A.B. & Lora Stewart.

WHEREAS, OFPC commitment to the family and to the time-tested, conservative, Christian values has stood for these past 20 years does not end.