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Even though the actual [North Dakota organization](http://ndchooselife.com/) [<http://ndchooselife.com/>](http://ndchooselife.com/) itself leading the effort to pass Measure 1 [<http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_\(2014\)>](http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_(2014)>) refers to the proposed ND state pro-life constitutional amendment as the "Human Life Amendment [<http://ndchooselife.com/about/>](http://ndchooselife.com/about/>)" - and not as a "Personhood Amendment" - nevertheless, widespread **misreporting** by many sources during the last two years, including both past <http://www.personhoodusa.com/press-release/north-dakota-passes-first-state-personhood-amendment-us-history> and present <http://www.personhoodusa.com/campaigns/north-dakota-measure-1-2014/> **misreporting** by (so-called) "Personhood USA <http://www.personhoodusa.com/campaigns/north-dakota-measure-1-2014/>" has incorrectly, inaccurately, and erroneously described North Dakota's pro-life amendment as a "personhood amendment."

For the record: This is false. Measure 1 [<http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_\(2014\)>](http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_(2014)>) [adopted as ND SCR 4009 <http://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/63-2013/bill-actions/ba4009.html>] by the North Dakota Legislature on March 22, 2013 as a ballot initiative for the November 4, 2014 election] is not a personhood amendment !

Measure 1 [http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_\(2014\)#Text_of_the_measure](http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_(2014)#Text_of_the_measure) is NOT a personhood amendment because very simply and quite obviously, the language

and text of Measure 1 <[http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_\(2014\)#Text_of_the_measure](http://ballotpedia.org/North_Dakota_%22Life_Begins_at_Conception%22_Amendment,_Measure_1_(2014)#Text_of_the_measure)> does not even include the words "person" or "persons" or "personhood".
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From the [North Dakota Choose Life](http://ndchooselife.com/about/) <<http://ndchooselife.com/about/>> website:

[CP Note: emphasis added]

North Dakota voters will have an opportunity to enact **the proposed Human Life Amendment** this November.
The proposed constitutional amendment states:

“The inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and protected.”

A bipartisan majority of the state legislature put the proposed amendment on the ballot and it will appear on the November ballot as Measure 1.

CP Note: For the record, another aspect of the **misreporting** by (so-called) Personhood <<http://www.personhoodusa.com/press-release/north-dakota-passes-first-state-personhood-amendment-us>