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## **For the Record:**

### **ND Pro-Life Amendment is NOT a Personhood Amendment !**

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ND's 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)> states: "The inalienable right to life of every human being at any stage of development must be recognized and protected."

ND's 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 mention the words "person", "persons", or "personhood".

ND's 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 define legal personhood at fertilization for all human beings !

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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". 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 establish the legal personhood of unborn human beings at fertilization.

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From the [North Dakota Choose Life](http://ndchooselife.com/about/) website:

[ CP Note: emphasis added ]

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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.

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**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>