**Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Official Position on Physician-Assisted Suicide**

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**QUESTION: What does The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believe with regard to euthanasia?**

**ANSWER:** At The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s 1995 convention, delegates adopted Resolution 6-02 titled "To Speak Out against Legalization of Assisted Suicide" (euthanasia) which reads as follows:

**Whereas**, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod affirms the sanctity of human life and recognizes the reality of human suffering; and

**Whereas**, Any attempt to legalize assisted suicide is an affront to the Lord, who gives life, and opens the door for abuse and future legislation that would deny the freedom of many; and

**Whereas**, Suffering and depression are also opportunities for helping, healing, encouragement, and hope through the Gospel; and

**Whereas**, Physicians in particular have a responsibility to sustain and promote life; and

**Whereas**, We respect the individual's right to refuse treatment or to forbid life-support systems by a prior directive and to be allowed to die; therefore be it

**Resolved**, That The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in convention express its objection to medical personnel having any part in actively inducing death, even at the patient's request or at the request of the family; and be it further

**Resolved**, That the Gospel be applied to situations of suffering and depression as opportunities to help, heal, encourage, and provide hope; and be it finally

**Resolved**, That the Synod speak out against any attempt to legalize physician-assisted suicide and encourage its pastors and people to do the same.