

Montana and Oklahoma Governors Declare 'Life Is Precious' With New Pro-Life Laws

Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte signed three bills on Monday restricting abortion access in the state, celebrating it as a success after several attempts to pass similar measures in previous years were vetoed by former Democratic governors.

The bills ban abortion after 20 weeks of gestation, require health care providers to give pregnant women the opportunity to view an ultrasound before performing an abortion and place several restrictions on abortion drugs, like requiring that they be administered in-person rather than through telemedicine.

Gianforte signed the measures in the presence of a jubilant crowd of Republican lawmakers and anti-abortion activists.

"It's a promising day, a day that will go down in our state's history as we defend life," Gianforte said.

He also tweeted about the new legislation, writing: "Life is precious and ought to be protected. Today, I proudly signed into law bills to protect the life of our most vulnerable, the unborn."

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— Governor Greg Gianforte (@GovGianforte) April 26, 2021

The new laws mark a shift in the state's approach to abortion regulation after 16 years of Democratic governors who vetoed past attempts by the Republican-controlled legislature to limit access to the procedure.

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