



# BETHESDA

SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES

## **BETHESDA SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITIES WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ASSISTING RESIDENTS EXERCISING THE END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS UNDER THE COLORADO END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS ACT**

Proposition 106, the Colorado End-Of-Life Options Act (“the Act”), enables competent adults whose attending and consulting physician determine, under certain conditions and the person is terminally ill, to request and self-administer medication for the purpose of ending their life. Participation under the Act is voluntary for both residents and long term care facilities, which includes Bethesda Senior Living Communities (BSLC).

While BSLC is sensitive to a competent resident’s right to choose to participate in the Act, BSLC also has the responsibility to promote the safety and well-being of all of its residents and staff. As a faith-based organization, BSLC believes all human life is a sacred gift from God. This truth imparts extraordinary value to every life, independent of gender, race, socioeconomic position, age, or health status. Consequently, our opposition to the termination of human life, and the decision to opt-out of participation in the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act must be understood in spiritual terms and must be guided by biblical principles.