



Resolution

Demanding Defense of Freedom to Uphold Biblical Marriage and Sexuality

- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures reveal that God created human beings in His image, He created them male and female (Genesis 1:27), He called them to be fruitful, and He instructs that “a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 1:28; Genesis 2:24). The Lord Jesus Christ reaffirmed these truths about gender, sexuality, and marriage—the holy union of one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6).
- WHEREAS** Activist judges, including five Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, chose to ignore the Bible, millennia of history, and the clear application of constitutional principles in an attempt to redefine marriage into something incompatible with the Creator’s definition of that bedrock institution for human society.
- WHEREAS** In his dissenting opinion in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, Chief Justice John Roberts warned, “The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to ‘advocate’ and ‘teach’ their views of marriage.... The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to ‘exercise’ religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses.”
- WHEREAS** Former U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli admitted to the Supreme Court during oral argument of the *Obergefell* case that tax treatment of religious organizations upholding biblical marriage is "certainly going to be an issue."
- WHEREAS** Christian communicators are compelled by faith to proclaim the truth in love. However, government agents, as well as activists and powerful corporate and political elites, have worked to discriminate against Americans who adhere to biblical understandings of gender, sexuality, and marriage.
- WHEREAS** The Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution mandates that the government shall neither prohibit the free exercise of religion nor abridge the freedoms of speech or of the press.
- WHEREAS** Legislation, including the *First Amendment Defense Act*, has been introduced in Congress to shield Americans from federal government agents using tax treatment, licensing, grants, and other means to coerce or discriminate against citizens who merely wish to live in light of their religious convictions about marriage and sexuality.
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RESOLVED** NRB contends that the U.S. Government must faithfully preserve, protect, and defend the U.S. Constitution’s guarantee that all citizens are free to speak and free to exercise the tenets of their faith in daily life. Moreover, NRB urges Congress and state legislatures to pass laws preventing government intolerance and discrimination against those who adhere to biblical understandings of gender, sexuality, and marriage. Finally, NRB exhorts the United States to return to the truth that marriage is the sacred union between one man and one woman.



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In Support of Israel

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- WHEREAS** Israel's history, including the creation and continued existence of the modern State of Israel, reveals the providential hand of God and His commitment to fulfilling His promises in His Holy Word, the Bible.
- WHEREAS** The Bible records God's promise to Abraham, the patriarch of Israel: "I will make of you a great nation.... I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3).
- WHEREAS** The modern State of Israel shares a longstanding, special relationship with the United States as nations committed to freedom and democratic governance that respects the rule of law and the rights of minorities.
- WHEREAS** Israel is faced with hostile and even existential threats from influential powers in the Middle East, including Iran, as well as other global powers.
- WHEREAS** Violent terrorists continue to target Israel and Jewish people around the world.
- WHEREAS** The United Nations and its committees have a history of unfairly targeting and condemning Israel.
- WHEREAS** The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement that seeks to isolate and economically strangle Israel is working to gain inroads into Christian communities, including evangelical Protestant institutions.
- WHEREAS** Christians are instructed to pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! 'May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!' For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, 'Peace be within you!' For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good" (Psalm 122: 6-9).
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RESOLVED** NRB calls on its members to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for God's protection over all of Israel; NRB affirms that the democratic principles embraced by Israel promise Christians and others seeking freedom in that turbulent region hope for peace and liberty; NRB calls on the United States to continue to stand steadfastly by Israel, even as others malign, abandon, or attack her; and, furthermore, NRB calls on Christian denominations, churches, organizations, and other communities to reject and guard against the dangerous Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement.



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In Support of Christians in the Middle East

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- WHEREAS** Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, lived for years in Nazareth, and conducted and completed his earthly ministry throughout much of modern-day Israel.
- WHEREAS** Followers of Christ established deep cultural roots in these areas and surrounding Middle East regions.
- WHEREAS** Many Christians in the modern-day Middle East nation-states seek to be good neighbors by serving in local or internationally sponsored ministries teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ and showing His love in action to their communities.
- WHEREAS** Persecution of Christians is growing more severe worldwide, particularly in the Middle East, where many Christians face brutal violence and severe discrimination.
- WHEREAS** Attacks by Islamist militants have decimated the population of Middle Eastern Christians, particularly in Iraq and Syria at the hands of ISIS. In fact, at the bipartisan prompting of the United States Congress, the U.S. State Department determined that ISIS is guilty of genocidal action against Christians and other minorities. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said that ISIS “is genocidal by self-proclamation, by ideology, and by actions - in what it says, what it believes, and what it does.” He also stated, “There is no question in my mind that if [ISIS] succeeded in establishing its so-called caliphate, it would seek to destroy what remains of [the] ethnic and religious mosaic once thriving in the region.”
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RESOLVED** NRB honors the longstanding and steadfastly faithful communities of Christians in the Middle East, and we express thanks for the Christ-honoring ministries serving spiritual and physical needs in those lands. We pray for and stand with our brothers and sisters in the face of persecution, and we encourage all NRB members and their constituents to urge the United States to take decisive action in defense of Christians threatened by genocide.



Resolution

Urging Freedom to Access Electronic Media

- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters is a nonpartisan, international association of Christian communicators whose member organizations reach millions of listeners, viewers, and readers.
- WHEREAS** Since its founding, NRB has devoted itself to protecting First Amendment guarantees of religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press, particularly as they undergird the mission of Christian communicators to freely and fully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ on electronic media, including broadcast, cable, satellite, and Internet platforms.
- WHEREAS** In a multi-decade struggle, NRB successfully acted towards the defeat and the final removal of the damaging regulation known as the “Fairness Doctrine,” which harmed all three of the First Amendment freedoms at the core of NRB’s work.
- WHEREAS** These freedoms require vigilance on the part of NRB and its members, including the concerted effort of NRB to identify and oppose those legislative and regulatory proposals that threaten to erode First Amendment liberties.
- WHEREAS** NRB has also worked to ensure Christian communicators are not unfairly denied access to broadcast, video, and online platforms through unreasonable, or even unjust, music licensing rates, carriage demands, social media restrictions, or other maneuvers.
- WHEREAS** NRB’s work is needed now more than ever, as major opportunities and challenges remain to achieve full access to the fast-developing worlds of electronic media in the United States and around the world.
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RESOLVED** NRB calls on the citizens of the United States and their elected leaders to work actively to ensure freedom in electronic media domestically and globally. In addition, we urge NRB members to pray and to ready themselves for struggles ahead to ensure freedom and fairness in access to all electronic media in order that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may be proclaimed on those platforms to listeners, viewers, and readers.



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Praying for the Nation

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures teach us that government authorities are established by God and are responsible under Him to uphold a good and orderly society (Romans 13:1–7).
- WHEREAS** The United States Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”
- WHEREAS** The U.S. President and the members of the U.S. Congress in the Senate and the House of Representatives have been duly elected, and the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Chairman and the Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission have been duly nominated and confirmed, and all serve in those high public offices.
- WHEREAS** Members of the U.S. military and officers of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies serve dutifully and honorably to protect our communities.
- WHEREAS** America faces monumental challenges, including threats to fundamental freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, risks to our national security, an economy in which many Americans feel left behind, and festering domestic wounds based on race, ethnicity, religion, and political affiliation that have stirred deep divisions and even violence.
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures direct us in I Timothy 2:1-4 that “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED** NRB calls on its members and all American Christians to pray earnestly for the U.S. President, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the U.S. Supreme Court, and leaders of the Federal Communications Commission and other government agencies.
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RESOLVED** NRB thanks and honors American soldiers and law enforcement officers who dutifully and bravely work to ensure a just and orderly society in which the constitutional freedoms of every citizen are upheld.
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RESOLVED** NRB thanks its members for their acts of charity and purposeful ministry partnerships aimed at demonstrating the love, hope, and reconciling power of the Lord Jesus Christ to a nation in need.



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Honoring Anne Dunlap for 40 Years of Service

- WHEREAS** In November 2016, NRB staff member Anne Dunlap marked 40 years of service on the association's staff, serving as an assistant to the president under five different association heads.
- WHEREAS** Anne began her service to NRB in 1976 when the headquarters office was based in New Jersey under Executive Director Ben Armstrong.
- WHEREAS** Anne moved with NRB when the organization relocated to Virginia in 1992, and she now works in NRB's recently established headquarters in Washington, D.C.
- WHEREAS** In a letter honoring Anne last year, NRB Chairman of the Board Bill Blount offered his congratulations and said to her, "The two words that come to mind as I think of your service are 'faithfulness' and 'commitment.'"
- WHEREAS** At a meal in Anne's honor, NRB President & CEO Dr. Jerry A. Johnson highlighted "her faithfulness, her excellent service, and her warm and gentle spirit." He added, "We are very grateful for her and for all that she's been a part of here at NRB. And we pray that God will bless her in a special way in the years to come."
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RESOLVED** NRB thanks and honors Anne Dunlap for her four decades of service and her firm commitment to the association and its mission to advance biblical truth, to promote media excellence, and to defend free speech.