



Resolution

URGING CONGRESS AND THE FCC TO EXERCISE CAUTION REGARDING REGULATION OF THE INTERNET

- WHEREAS** the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has previously issued a Notice of Proposed Rule-Making on the subject of regulating the Internet, and Congress has considered legislative proposals on the same subject, and the FCC has also recently initiated a proceeding regarding its legal jurisdiction to regulate the Internet;
- WHEREAS** and National Religious Broadcasters has warned the FCC in prior filings and Comments that the Commission needs to first identify and define the existing problems in the Internet that would warrant a regulatory framework, which it has failed to do, and second, that the Commission needs to adequately recognize and then to develop a strategy for preserving the First Amendment rights of Internet communicators, which it has also failed to do;
- WHEREAS** new federal regulations relating to the operations of the Internet, if done hastily or inadvisably, could infringe the First Amendment rights of Christian communicators who use the Internet and could also inhibit innovation and investment in this critical electronic communications platform, and that therefore the FCC should pursue the narrowest possible avenues of regulation with the greatest amount of caution;
- RESOLVED** that National Religious Broadcasters urges the Federal Communications Commission and the Congress, before considering any new regulatory framework for the Internet, to first identify and define the existing problems in the Internet that would warrant such regulation, and second, to recognize the First Amendment rights of Internet communicators and then to develop a strategy for adequately preserving those rights, and third to pursue the narrowest possible avenues of regulation with the greatest amount of caution.