



Resolution

DEFENDING RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE WAKE OF A SUPREME COURT ASSAULT

WHEREAS

On June 26, 2013 the United States Supreme Court issued its ruling in the case of *United States v. Windsor*, in which the Court struck down a major portion of the *Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)* which had been passed by Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton, an Act that declared that marriage was defined as one-man and one-woman for federal law purposes;

WHEREAS

The majority opinion in the *Windsor* case, authored by Justice Kennedy and joined-in by four other justices, used unusually harsh language in referring to the supporters of traditional marriage, and specifically singled out the House of Representatives because of its support for “traditional, (especially Judeo-Christian) morality,” and the Court’s majority accused those who held such beliefs as being guilty of a “desire to harm” homosexuals, and labeling those supporters of Judeo-Christian morality as perpetrators of “discrimination of an unusual character” which “demeans” homosexual couples, with the Court concluding that the treatment of same-sex couples as different from heterosexual couples has the effect to “degrade” and “demean” them and therefore can serve “no legitimate purpose” under the law;

WHEREAS

Four justices dissented in the case, and Justice Scalia noted in his strongly worded dissent that the effect of the majority opinion was to unfairly mistreat supporters of traditional morality and traditional marriage as if they were “unhinged members of a wild-eyed lynch mob,” and “enemies of the human race” and opponents of “human decency,” thus regarding them, according to Justice Scalia, as if they harbored “hate” toward their neighbor;

WHEREAS

NRB has been vigilant in monitoring the increasing number and ferocity of the attacks, both legal and cultural, against those who communicate Biblical truth, including the truth in Scripture regarding human relationships and the institution of marriage, ever mindful that the new federal hate crimes law still poses a threat to Christian communicators, and that new forms of so-called anti-discrimination laws may soon arise in the wake of the Supreme Court decision in the *Windsor* case which could seriously imperil the ability of Christian communicators to proclaim the whole counsel of God on the issues of the day;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that NRB urges its members to be “shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16) in understanding the times in which we live and the free speech and free exercise of religion threats that we face, fully appreciating the need for continued vigilance and for boldly standing for Biblical truth; and NRB further urges the Supreme Court, the White House, and the members of Congress as well as the Federal Communications Commission and all other federal agencies to recognize, and to protect, the fundamental religious liberties of Christian communicators as they continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the undiluted truth of Scripture.