

2022 RESOLUTIONS REPORT

The 2022 Committee on Resolutions has received several communications. We acknowledge each proposal and convey our thanks and appreciation to those who have exercised their right of free and open communication by presenting their views to this convention. The committee has taken each of these proposed resolutions under prayerful consideration and has been unanimous in its deliberations. Christopher Sanchez, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the report.

Resolution of Appreciation

Submitted by the 2022 Committee on Resolutions

Members: Christopher Sanchez, John Beam, Jr., John Bryan, and Anita Strickland

WHEREAS, the 200th Annual Session of the Georgia Baptist Convention met at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia on November 14-15, 2022 in which the messengers representing Georgia Baptist Churches were greeted with Christian grace and warm Southern hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the pastors of Warren Baptist Church, the church staffs, church members and many volunteers have tirelessly served the needs of every messenger to the Georgia Baptist Convention in fellowship of the Lord: *“Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 3:13-14 CSB); and

WHEREAS, the musicians, choirs and worship leaders have provided thrilling praise and uplifting celebration in every convention session; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Boudreaux and the Augusta Baptist Association, Andy Perryman and the Georgia Baptist Association, and Tim Kilpatrick of Hephzibah – Kilpatrick Baptist Association have demonstrated second-mile cooperation, service, and hospitality in preparation for and during the meeting; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the 200th session of the Georgia Baptist Convention, offer sincere appreciation to the leaders and members of Warren Baptist Church, together with Pastor David McKinley the churches of the Augusta, Georgia and Hephzibah-Kilpatrick Baptist Association together with Dwayne Boudreaux, Andy Perryman, and Tim Kilpatrick for their hospitality and service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of this session of the Georgia Baptist Convention, express our loving appreciation for and extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Kevin Williams, president of our beloved Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of this session of the Georgia Baptist Convention, extend honor and thanksgiving to the officers and platform leaders for their guidance and service throughout this meeting; and we express gratitude to Mrs. Patrice Williams and family for their loving support of our president and Convention during this past year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to God for those who serve on the Georgia Baptist Executive Committee, as well as Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff who faithfully serve the causes of Christ here in Georgia and around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the Committee on Order of Business and Josh Johnson, Chairman, for the preparation of this inspirational program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of this Convention, join our President Kevin Williams and Executive Director, Thomas Hammond, in continuing to emphasize and practice the challenging theme, *Refocus: Proverbs 16:3 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*

Resolution on the Georgia Baptist Convention's 200th Anniversary

Submitted By: Charles Jones, Messenger Beech Haven Baptist Church, Athens, GA.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Convention is observing its 200th Anniversary, in session at the Warren Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, November 14th & 15th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Convention was established in 1822; "to devise and recommend scheme for the revival of experimental and practical religion; for the promotion of uniformity in sentiment, practice and discipline; for the extension of the gospel by missions and missionaries, by Bibles and tracts,"; and

WHEREAS, it was furthermore established; "To afford an opportunity to those who may conscientiously think it their duty to form a fund for the education of pious young men, who may be called by the Spirit and their Churches to the Christian ministry."; and

WHEREAS, it was charged to; "the fulfilment of that scriptural injunction, 'provoke one another to love and to good works.'" (Hebrews 10:24); and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Convention has for 200 years endeavored to cooperate, build upon and support the work of faithful servants and missionaries in Georgia and beyond; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2022, that we remain diligent in the spreading of the gospel; steadfast in the face of cultural or economic adversity; bold in the pursuit of unity; committed to the development of the next generation of leaders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on Georgia Baptists to be faithful ambassadors of reconciliation in their personal relationships and local communities as they demonstrate the power of the Gospel to reconcile all persons in Christ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the spirit of Hebrews 10:24 we continue to "provoke one another to love and good works,"; and remain diligent and passionate to share the gospel until Christ's return.



THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention, at this 200th Anniversary, in humble reflection and adoration to the One who has accomplished this work, echo the refrain, “to God be the glory, great things He hath done!”

**Resolution on Opposing Title IX
Regulations Imposing Gender Identity Policies**

Submitted By: Carl Metzger, Messenger from Lenox Baptist Church, Lenox, GA.

WHEREAS, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was enacted to ensure that “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance”; and

WHEREAS, original and existing Title IX regulations acknowledge “physiological differences between the male and female sexes”; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2022, the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) released proposed changes to Title IX regulations which would contradict the plain language of the law, which we find to be of questionable constitutionality; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations would prohibit schools that receive federal funds, including public, charter, private, and parochial schools, from “adopting a policy or engaging in a practice that prevents a person from participating in an education program or activity consistent with their gender identity,” thereby compelling schools to deny biological reality; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed regulations, schools and/or staff could be subject to civil litigation and loss of federal funds for “sex-based harassment” if a student or staff member uses a child’s legal name and biological pronouns rather than the child-selected preferred name and pronouns; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations would require that K-12 schools socially transition minor children to a different gender (i.e., treat the child as a member of the opposite sex) without requiring parental notification or involvement; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law, the United States Constitution, and legal precedent recognize the right of parents to direct the education, upbringing, and physical and mental health of their children; and

WHEREAS, all persons are created in God’s image and are made to glorify Him (Genesis 1:27; Isaiah 43:7); and

WHEREAS, God’s design was the creation of two distinct and complementary sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4), representing the fundamental distinction that God has embedded in the very biology of the human race; and

WHEREAS, distinctions in masculine and feminine roles as ordained by God are part of the created order and should find expression in every human heart (Genesis 2:18, 21–24; 1 Corinthians 11:7–9; Ephesians 5:22–33; 1 Timothy 2:12–14); and

WHEREAS, the Fall of man into sin and God's subsequent curse have introduced brokenness and futility into God's good creation (Genesis 3:1–24; Romans 8:20); and

WHEREAS, for many parents the male and female nature of the human person created by God is a deeply held religious belief; and

WHEREAS, children are harmed when parents are barred from making decisions to protect their child's physical, mental, and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, a high percentage of children who are permitted to socially transition will then pursue medical and surgical interventions which have irreversible, life-altering consequences, interrupt a child's healthy growth and development, and come with significant risks, including loss of bone density, infertility, cognitive impairment, dangerous blood clots, cardiovascular disease, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed regulations, schools would be required to grant access to sex-separate restroom and locker room facilities based on gender identity rather than on biological sex, which would invade the privacy of girls and women and place them at increased risk for harassment and sexual assault by males who claim a female identity; and

WHEREAS, USDOE's proposed regulations pertaining to athletics would require sports teams to be based on gender identity rather than biological sex, forcing girls and women to compete on an unfair basis against males for athletic opportunities and scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Governor Brian Kemp signed into law HB 1084, which allows the Georgia High School Association to protect girls' sports by designating athletic competitions on the basis of biological sex; and

WHEREAS, in guidance issued May 5, 2022 and in a rule promulgated on June 14, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced that it will interpret the prohibition on sex discrimination found in Title IX and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to include discrimination based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Georgia public schools, nonprofit private schools, and residential childcare institutions could now be forced to choose between adopting federally mandated gender identity policies or foregoing federal funding to provide subsidized free or reduced-price meals; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2022, declare our unequivocal opposition to the proposed regulatory changes released by the U.S. Department of Education on June 23, 2022, and to the rule promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on June 14, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention calls upon Congress to enact appropriate legislation consistent with this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention calls upon the Legislature, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the State Superintendent of Education of the state of Georgia to declare that Georgia public schools will not comply with the recent proposed and final rules of the U.S. Departments of Education and Agriculture that reinterpret the definition of sex discrimination, as those rules are unconstitutional and harmful to the students and employees of Georgia public schools; and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention calls upon the General Assembly to assist local districts in combatting this federal overreach by proactively approving stopgap funding of necessary programs should the proposed regulations take effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention calls upon the General Assembly to safeguard the rights of parents and the wellbeing of children by requiring that schools and districts disclose information to parents whenever their child claims a discordant gender identity, questions his or her gender identity, requests alternative names or pronouns, or otherwise indicates mental or emotional distress about his or her gender identity; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention stands resolutely with parents, schools, and districts in rejecting harmful, coercive, and burdensome gender identity policies, procedures, and regulations.

Resolution on The Church in The Post-roe Era

Submitted By: Suzanne Guy, Messenger from First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA.

WHEREAS, with Roe v. Wade overturned, the church is now going to be called upon like never before for help in caring for mothers and babies. It must be understood that caring for mothers and babies should not be an “extracurricular activity,” but rather it should be the part of the “core” of what we're called to do; and

WHEREAS, in the book of Esther, Mordecai asks Esther, “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” As Christians we need to have those kinds of thoughts about the life issue; and

WHEREAS, in the book of First Chronicles the author reminds us that the Sons of Issachar “understood the times and they knew what to do.” It's important as Christians that we “know the times” and “know (what God is calling us) to do; and

WHEREAS, the book of James (1:27) reminds us that “pure and undefiled religion is to care for the orphans and the widows...” This kind of ministry is not new. This verse demonstrates that the Church is to be the “safety net” in our society; and

WHEREAS, since Georgia's heartbeat bill has become law, almost all abortions have been outlawed after approximately six weeks of pregnancy. This means that life will become a much more favorable alternative to women facing challenging circumstances; and

WHEREAS, so much of the difficulty that we find today in our culture is because, practically speaking, we have lost the family in America. Most of the issues that we are facing today related to abortion, foster care and adoption go back to the breakdown of the family.

WHEREAS, in many cases, when women are asked why they are going to abortion clinics, they indicate it is because they feel like they have nowhere else to go. Therefore, the church can step up and make sure that these women know the Body of Christ (the Church) is where you can go first for help; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2022,



recognize that this whole process of loving and caring begins with proper biblical teaching on sexuality and the proper role of marriage and family in the lives of all people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unconditional love will be at the center of what the Church must express no matter what the circumstances are regarding mothers, fathers and babies needing to be cared for with unplanned pregnancies. This kind of love is what gives greatest evidence to the love that Jesus demonstrated toward us by what He did on the cross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that churches show love through providing things like help for women and men who have had a post-abortion experience; tangible help for childcare and housing; provide discipleship and friends to walk alongside of them; baby showers; help with prenatal diagnoses; partner with Pregnancy Resource Centers, and post-abortion healing ministries; create LIV (Life Initiatives and Values) groups in churches to educate about life issues and to care for those in need. Each of these are great opportunities to minister and share the gospel and love of Christ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Georgia Baptist churches should participate in the Mission Georgia Emphases that has three of its primary focuses on needs such as: 1) post and prenatal care, 2) foster care and adoption and 3) human trafficking that impact mothers and children in a post-roe era; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Georgia Baptist Churches should educate and promote foster care and adoption services, so that mothers have loving and caring options when not being able to care for their children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Christians engage the culture, politics, and government policy because while Roe v. Wade has been overturned, the issue of abortion is still not over. The fight for protecting mothers and babies has now been moved primarily to the state level in policy and elections; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that every Christian realize that they have been called by God to be “salt and light” (Matt. 5:13-16) in **every area** of life. God wants us to be active in every area of life because Jesus is Lord of every area of life

Resolution on Sex Abuse Prevention in the Church

Submitted By: Billy Puckett, Messenger from First Baptist Church, Vidalia, GA.

WHEREAS, God has created all people in His image, with equal value and dignity (Genesis 1:26–27); and

WHEREAS, any harm perpetrated against one of God's image bearers is an attack on God Himself (Genesis 9:6); and

WHEREAS, God detests all forms of sexual abuse and calls His people to defend abuse victims (Psalm 82:4), to stand for justice (Psalm 82:3; Proverbs 31:8–9), and to deliver victims of sexual abuse from the hands of their oppressors (Proverbs 6:17; 24:10–12); and

WHEREAS, sexual abuse refers to sexual activity that involves the use of physical force, manipulation, coercion, or deception; involves the abuse of authority by a perpetrator over a

victim; or takes place with a minor or other person who is presumed legally incapable of consent; and

WHEREAS, we are grieved by the findings of the Guidepost Solutions investigation. The report submitted through the SBC's Sexual Abuse Task Force revealed disturbing and egregious acts committed on some of our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, we walk through this difficult time together as Southern Baptists, may we completely depend upon the Lord for wisdom while carefully weighing the recommendations and considering our next steps; and

WHEREAS, this abuse has occurred in churches and homes—which ought to be places of shelter and safety—and it has happened at the hands of family, educators, ordained ministers, and ministry workers—who ought to be trusted persons of authority; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Convention is extremely dedicated to the tasks as related to the Prevention of, Responding to and Ministering to those affected by sexual abuse in our churches; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2013 and continuing thereafter, outside experts have been engaged to train all Georgia Baptist Mission Board staff regarding sexual abuse prevention and reporting; and

WHEREAS, the professionals at MinistrySafe have been engaged to provide over 40+ regional Church Safety Workshops over the past several years – those efforts are ongoing. In a Church Safety Workshop, ministry leaders are trained to understand facts about sexual abuse and sexual abusers, the grooming process, common grooming behaviors, peer sexual abuse, impact of abuse on child victims and adult survivors, Georgia reporting requirements, and more; and

WHEREAS, together with FBC Atlanta, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board hosted the first-ever Sexual Abuse Summit – an all-day event providing in-depth instruction to ministry leaders, including understanding sexual abuse risk in ministry, creating an effective safety system, how to identify an abuser through an effective screening system, changes in the law, and the importance of reporting; and

WHEREAS, both live and online, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board has provided Sexual Abuse Awareness Training to over 7,000 leaders that serve churches, camps, disaster relief efforts, schools, daycares, and other ministries – those efforts are ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board's financial investment is over \$250,000 since 2013; the staff time invested is extraordinary – both efforts are ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board was the only major Georgia denomination to support the passage of HB 17, the 2015 Hidden Predator Act and other such legislation that holds abusers accountable and provides improved access for victims to the justice system in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the current Georgia Baptist Convention President, Kevin Williams has appointed a Special Committee on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse, chaired by Micah Hamrick,



Executive Pastor at First Baptist Church Villa Rica, to help assist Georgia Baptist churches with recommendations on safety policies, guidelines, and procedures; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2022, call upon Georgia Baptists to stand with our Lord Jesus in loving and protecting children and adults as He does; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we remind all Georgia Baptists of their legal and moral responsibility to report any suspicions or accusations of child sexual abuse to authorities in addition to implementing any appropriate church discipline or other administrative processes; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we likewise call upon all Georgia Baptists to cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in exposing and bringing to justice all perpetrators, sexual or otherwise, who criminally harm children placed in our trust; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we strongly urge Georgia Baptist churches to utilize training resources to provide appropriate instruction to all potential staff and volunteer workers, particularly those who minister to children and youth; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we strongly urge Georgia Baptist churches to utilize background checks, databases of sexual predators and other relevant resources in screening all potential staff and volunteer workers, particularly those who minister to children and youth; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage pastors and church leaders to develop and implement sound policies and procedures to protect all those participating in church events and ministries; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all churches and church leaders of the Georgia Baptist Convention to utilize the highest sense of discernment in affiliating with groups and or individuals that possess questionable policies and practices in protecting our children from criminal abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Baptist associations to consider the adoption of comprehensive sexual abuse policies that take into account the handling or mishandling of sexual abuse as a part of their standard for mutual association and cooperation.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize the courage of survivors who continue to share their stories and bravely pursue action from their leaders. We also must pray for God to provide strength and healing for all survivors as well as wisdom for everyone dealing with abusive situations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we urge all Georgia Baptists to commit ourselves to doing all we can so that every place of worship is a safe place for everyone and strong witness for demonstrating and proclaiming the Gospel.

Resolution Opposing Sports Gambling in Georgia

Submitted By: John Yarborough, Messenger from Hopewell Baptist Church, Gainesville, GA.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Baptist Convention has often stated its opposition at least 21 times since 1963 to the gambling industry, and the devastating effects of gambling upon the moral and economic life of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, there are many Scriptures, beginning with the Ten Commandments that talk about the supremacy of worshiping God (Ex. 20:3; Deut. 18:9-12; Matt. 6:33). Because gambling is basically more about “luck” and not skill, it encourages people to put their trust in “chance” and “superstition”; and

WHEREAS, the Bible indicates that man is to work creatively and use his possessions for the good of others (Eph. 4:28); gambling fosters a something-for-nothing attitude. The Bible calls for careful stewardship; gambling calls for reckless abandon. The Bible condemns covetousness and materialism (Matt. 6:24-34); gambling has both at its heart. The Christian work ethic is damaged by gambling; and

WHEREAS, the Scripture says in Galatians 5:17, *“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”* Gambling, however, encourages a compulsion to a behavior that once a person is “hooked”, it becomes uncontrollable. Anywhere predatory gambling is expanded, addiction exponentially explodes!

WHEREAS, studies have shown repeatedly that the legalization and promotion of vices like sports gambling could increase addiction rates by at least another 110% in our state.

WHEREAS, sports gambling, while it is being done illegally in our state now, will be exponentially worse if made legal, especially in terms of addiction. An addiction hotline in Tennessee has seen as much as an 800 percent increase in calls since sports gambling was legalized.

WHEREAS, the American Psychiatric Association’s “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders ” (DSM 5) classifies gambling as an addictive product likened unto heroin, opioids, alcohol, and cocaine.

WHEREAS, we already know that each new addicted gambler costs the taxpayers \$28,000 to \$104,000 per year, and like drug addicts, each gambling addict negatively affects the lives of between seven and 17 other people.

WHEREAS, it is a well-established fact that for every \$1 in new revenue from gambling, the cost to taxpayers, DHS agencies, and governments is at least \$3 to \$5. Gambling creates no new product and is profitable only via constant increases in human misery.

WHEREAS, in Australia, the online gambling establishment has children starting to gamble at age 11. In the U.K. there are 55,000 problem gamblers who are under 16 years old, and 28 million U.K. kids were illegally targeted by gambling companies, resulting in a 15% increase in problem gambling in kids.



WHEREAS, in the U.S., the Campaign for Gambling-Free Kids reports that “more than half of 16-year-olds have gambling apps on their smartphones.”

WHEREAS, there is no amount of taxation, regulation and economic gain that would justify the harm that legalized sports gambling would have on individuals, marriages, families, and children.

WHEREAS, aggressive actions by gambling interests and legislators in recent years make it abundantly clear their intention of seeking to expand legalized gambling in Georgia, including not only pari-mutuel gambling on horse racing, casino gambling, but also, Sports Gambling; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention meeting at Warren Baptist Church Augusta, Georgia, November 14-15, 2022, urge the members of the Georgia Legislature to cease and desist with any efforts to open the State of Georgia to additional legalized gambling like Sports betting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge state legislators to have the moral courage to oppose the efforts by representatives of the lucrative sports gambling industry, who seek to exert their influence in the political process by convincing the legislature that state sponsored predatory gambling is somehow something good for our citizens and the state’s economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we pray for and lend our aid and support to Mike Griffin and our Public Affairs Ministry as we confront this menacing issue at the Capitol and that our churches and pastors educate and speak out on this evil industry in our communities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Georgia’s Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House and the sitting state senators and representatives who represent the people of Georgia.

Resolution on Equal Access for Deaf People

Submitted by: Barbara Coffan, Messenger, First Baptist Church Peachtree City, GA

WHEREAS, according to the International Mission Board deaf people are some of the least evangelized people in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Gospel needs to be preached to them in their own language, and

WHEREAS, deaf people all over Georgia are seeking the Truth, but it is not being made accessible to them in their own language, and

WHEREAS, deaf pastors and leaders want mentoring and training from colleagues, and

WHEREAS, deaf believers in Baptist churches scattered throughout the state of Georgia are yearning for training on how to reach those of their own language and culture, and

WHEREAS, Paul wrote in Romans 10:13 – 14, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can



they believe in the One Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without someone preaching to them? “, and

WHEREAS, Jesus instructed us in His “Parable of the Great Banquet”, saying that a certain man prepared a great banquet and invited many guests. Soon all his servants came back and reported that all the rich friends that he invited had made excuses as to why they could not come. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servants to bring in the marginalized people of the town until his house was full.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting at the Warren Baptist Church in Augusta, Georgia, November 14 – 15, 2022, strongly appeal to the organizers of associational, regional, and statewide events, to reach out to Deaf people and invite them to participate.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Georgia Baptist Convention encourages all churches and leaders to secure fluent, and qualified and/or certified interpreters for their conferences, trainings, fellowships, and events whenever requested, in order that people of every nation, tribe and language become fully devoted followers of Christ (Revelation 7:9).