



## RESOLUTION 3014

### **A Resolution Condemning the Misuse of Federal TANF Funds**

**WHEREAS**, key Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) officials reportedly misappropriated more than \$94 million set aside from the federal government for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) from 2017 to 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the misappropriation of these funds adversely impacted poor Mississippi families in desperate need of these supplemental finances, affecting the nutrition and housing for our most vulnerable families; and

**WHEREAS**, as Christians we are commanded to “not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act” (Proverbs 3:27), and “give generously to the poor and do so without a grudging heart” (Deuteronomy 15:10); and

**WHEREAS**, the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi (GMBSC) condemns the immoral and fraudulent usage of federal funds by state officials to fund lavish lifestyles, pet projects, and personal wealth, noting such a fraudulent person “oppresses the poor and needy, commits robbery, does not restore a pledge, but lifts up his eyes to the idols and commits abomination” (Ezekiel 18:2);

**BE IT RESOLVED**, because “[b]etter is a poor man who walks in his integrity than a rich man who is crooked in his ways” (Proverbs 19:1), the GMBSC calls for the State of Mississippi and the United States Department of Justice to hold all responsible parties, officials, agencies and private individuals accountable and to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, so that “justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream” (Amos 5:24); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we also call for a public disclosure of the involvement of public officials and institutions, the role they played and the full and swift reparation and restitution to unassisted families and children, so that our loving, liberating, and just God may be glorified.

**Submitted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ 2022.**

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