



RESOLUTION 2012

Condemning threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities and reaffirming support for the students, faculty, and administration against hatred, intolerance, and violence.

WHEREAS, HBCUs serve as an educational and economic conduit for African American families and communities across The United States of America and Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2022, the first day of Black History Month, eighteen HBCUs received bomb threats, including Mississippi's Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, and Tougaloo College; and

WHEREAS, between January 4, 2022 and February 25, 2022, over 26 HBCUs in these United States of America received bomb threats disrupting the educational environment, safety, and security of students, faculty, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, there is a sordid history of threats and actions of violence perpetrated against African-Americans in this country in both sacred settings and secular institutions; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 HBCUs are identified by the United States Department of Education conferring nearly 50,000 degrees annually to African American graduates – impacting their communities by producing billions of dollars in state and local revenue; and

WHEREAS, HBCU alumni account for roughly 80 percent of black judges, 75 percent of black doctors, 50 percent of black lawyers and 25 percent of black undergraduates who earn degrees in STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics); and

WHEREAS, many HBCUs find their genesis at the bosom of the black church, including Jackson State University, Spelman, Morehouse and Wilberforce to name a few; and

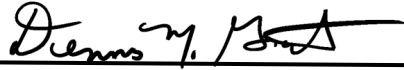
WHEREAS, a message of love and non-violence continues to be exclaimed throughout the hallows of our hearts. We stand ready to forgive as Jesus forgave any who perpetrated these heinous acts (*Eph. 4:32*); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. stands in solidarity with HBCUs in Mississippi and beyond to reject the dividing spirit of hatred and prejudice by committing to teach and preach a message of love to society; and affirms its commitment to support, defend, and pray for historically black colleges and universities, particularly those within the state of Mississippi, in light of the threats of domestic terrorism perpetrated against them during the month of February and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc, encourages its membership to encourage students to apply for admissions, attend,

and graduate from an HBCU in the pursuit of educational excellence, social advancement, and institutional and communal prosperity.

HUMBLY AND LOVINGLY SUBMITTED IN FAITH AND DEEP CONCERN
for the treasured gift of HBCUs, on March 14th in the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 2022.



**Dennis Grant, General Secretary
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