



RESOLUTION 5014

To support the protection and expansion of voting rights and to encourage Christian civic responsibility

WHEREAS, Christians acting as the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16) have a responsibility to exercise their voting rights, and in so doing, support the protection and expansion of said voting rights, including participating in the political voting process; and

WHEREAS, candidates for political office seek the endorsement of Christians for their candidacies; and

WHEREAS, Christians exercising their voting rights as responsible citizens may choose to denounce any legislation aimed at suppressing voter registration and participation in elections; and

WHEREAS, Christians should seek to apply their spiritual and moral values to the political process rather than politicize the church; and

WHEREAS, as responsible Christian citizens we should pray for our elected officials (1 Timothy 2:1-2), submit to just laws (1 Peter 2:13-17), pay taxes (Romans 13:6-7), and serve in various capacities, such as on juries, in the military, in public office, and by exercising our right to vote for our representative leadership; be it, therefore

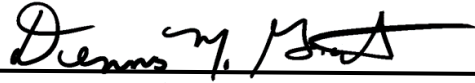
RESOLVED, that the messengers of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi encourage Christians to take seriously their calling as salt and light; and that we urge Christians to engage the voting process through discipleship within the churches and through participation in the democratic public policy and political process by exercising their right to vote in order to help fulfill the kingdom mandate taught in the Bible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we plead with all Christians to exercise vigorously their responsibilities to participate in the political process by registering to vote, educating themselves about the issues, and voting according to their biblical beliefs, convictions, and values; and be it further

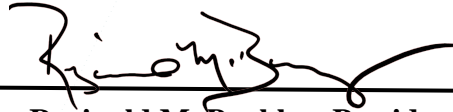
RESOLVED, that we encourage our churches to regularly teach and preach biblical truth on moral issues and to urge their members to vote according to their beliefs, convictions, and values, but above all, VOTE; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to pray for personal and national spiritual revival and encourage state and federal legislators to support the protection and expansion of voting rights for eligible U.S. citizens alike.

Submitted this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ 2022.



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