



# Resolution

## RACIAL AND ETHNIC RECONCILIATION IN THE UNITED STATES

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures reveal to us that Eve is the mother of all the living (Genesis 3:20), all humanity is descended from common parentage (Acts 17:26), and all people ought to be treated with dignity as beings created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27; cf. James 3:9-10).
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures speak regarding Christian salvation that “there is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28), and that Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).
- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures teach us that government authorities are responsible under God to uphold a good and orderly society (Romans 13:1-7).
- WHEREAS** The United States Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.”
- WHEREAS** The presence of racial and ethnic tension in the United States was sadly undeniable in 2014 AD. Such was particularly evident in multiple incidents of violence and unrest in Missouri, New York, and Ohio.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB expresses thanksgiving to our Lord for creating all human beings in His image, providing a basis for equality before the law; furthermore, we give thanks that through salvation, believers from every race and ethnicity are all one in Christ. NRB calls on its members to embrace equality and reconciliation, specifically being mindful in neighbor love and ministry partnerships to reach across racial and ethnic lines that have divided too many for too long, demonstrating through love that we are His disciples.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB denounces any form of racial or ethnic discrimination and hatred, and NRB opposes the actions of those who would seek to inflame racial or ethnic tension for their own gain.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB thanks and honors those agents of government who dutifully and bravely work to uphold a just and orderly society in which the constitutional freedoms of every citizen, regardless of race or ethnicity, are enjoyed through the structure of the law.

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# Resolution

## COMMENDING THE SUPREME COURT AND URGING CONGRESS ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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### WHEREAS

NRB, since the time of its founding, has devoted itself to protecting the three freedoms of religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press, whether embodied in the First Amendment or in laws passed by Congress or in regulations promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission, and particularly as to those freedoms that relate to, and undergird, the mission Christian broadcasters and communicators to freely and fully proclaim the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Church Universal to effectively and faithfully live out the Christian faith in obedience to the Word of God and as a witness to the watching world.

### WHEREAS

NRB, to that end, through its Office of General Counsel, drafted and filed an Amicus Curiae (“friend of the Court”) brief with the United States Supreme Court in the cases of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*, and *Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Burwell*, in support of the rights of Hobby Lobby and Conestoga under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (“RFRA”) to be free, as for-profit companies, from the HHS regulatory mandate under the Affordable Health Care Act that would have imposed a substantial burden on their faith and their Biblical beliefs by mandating that they provide insurance to their employees that includes coverage for abortion-inducing drugs.

### WHEREAS

The Supreme Court, on June 30, 2014, ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby and Conestoga, holding that the HHS regulations imposed a substantial burden on the religious freedoms of those faith-based companies, stating, with regard to the large fines that those companies would otherwise have to pay as a penalty for their faith: “If these consequences do not amount to a substantial burden, it is hard to see what would.” The Court also held that for-profit, faith-based businesses have protection under RFRA, ruling: “The plain terms of RFRA make it perfectly clear that Congress did not discriminate ... against men and women who wish to run their businesses as for-profit corporations in the manner required by their religious beliefs.” However, some members of Congress, dissatisfied with the Court’s decision, have vowed to amend RFRA in a way that would minimize religious freedom and that would violate the bi-partisan intent behind the 1993 RFRA law and the 2000 additions to that law.

### WHEREAS

The Supreme Court also decided, on May 5, 2014, the case of *Town of Greece, New York v. Galloway* where it held that it is not a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment for municipalities to invite clergy, many of whom are Christians, to offer up prayers in the name of Jesus Christ at the beginning of official government meetings.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that NRB commends the Supreme Court for its wisdom, adherence to law, and protection of religious freedom in deciding the Hobby Lobby and Conestoga cases, and in deciding the Town of Greece case, and NRB further urges Congress not to amend, modify, or tamper with the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act or the expansion of RFRA enacted in the year 2000.

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# Resolution

## PRAYING FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures instruct us, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.’ For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’ For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ‘I will seek your prosperity.’” (Psalm 122: 6-9)
- WHEREAS** Israel’s history, including the creation and continued existence of the modern State of Israel, reveals the providential hand of God and His commitment to fulfilling His promises in His Holy Word, the Bible.
- WHEREAS** The State of Israel today shares a special relationship with the United States as nations committed to freedom and democratic governance that respects the rule of law and the rights of minorities.
- WHEREAS** Fundamental freedoms, including religious liberty and free speech, are being imperiled around the world, and recent events of unrest and violence in the Middle East are particularly troubling.
- WHEREAS** Israel continues to be subjected to hostile threats, attacks, and terrorism.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB calls on its members to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for God’s protection over all of Israel, and for all people of good will who seek true peace in the Holy Land; furthermore, while other nations and international bodies may alienate or abandon Israel, NRB calls on the United States to continue to stand steadfast by Israel in its time of need.



# Resolution

## URGING THE FCC TO REJECT HEAVY-HANDED REGULATION OF THE INTERNET

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- WHEREAS** Free speech and free enterprise are bedrock principles that have allowed the Internet to grow and flourish.
- WHEREAS** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has instituted several proceedings over the years in an effort to exert authority over broadband providers and to regulate commercial decisions about, and consumer usage of, the Internet; however, twice the federal Court of Appeals has struck down such regulations.
- WHEREAS** During the FCC's most recent deliberation on "net neutrality," the President of the United States urged the independent federal agency to apply to broadband providers powers from Title II of the *Communications Act*, which allows for the regulation of "common carriers" as public utilities.
- WHEREAS** In public comments filed with the FCC in this proceeding last summer, NRB declared that "asserting jurisdiction under Title II with its heavy hand of telecommunications regulations is ill-advised."
- WHEREAS** The United States has in the past worked at the World Conference on International Telecommunications and other global assemblies to prevent increased international regulation of the Internet. However, asserting Title II power domestically could not only send a poor signal to nations that have or are considering more state governance of the Internet, but also it could appear to lend credence to arguments by certain repressive regimes that would like an international body like the International Telecommunications Union of the United Nations to have increased authority over the Internet.
- WHEREAS** The United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have previously concurrently stated the "sense of Congress that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, should continue working to implement the position of the United States on Internet governance that clearly articulates the consistent and unequivocal policy of the United States to promote a global Internet free from government control and preserve and advance the successful multistakeholder model that governs the Internet today."
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB urges the FCC to reject the use of Title II or any other heavy-handed regulatory approach to the Internet. NRB further urges the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the United States to uphold a position of a "light touch" toward the Internet and to continue to work to ensure principles of freedom, and particularly freedom of speech, on the Internet globally.
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** NRB urges its members, as well as other freedom-loving Americans, to contact the White House, the FCC, and Congress to advocate for First Amendment principles to be honored on the Internet, and to urge that this attempt to apply Title II be rejected.

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# Resolution

## CALLING ON THE FCC NOT TO AUCTION RELIGIOUS TV OFF THE AIR

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- WHEREAS** Religious television stations providing valuable content and services for their local communities have blossomed in recent decades, and those broadcasters require access to the airwaves to continue their missions.
- WHEREAS** NRB's many members include a significant number of full power, Class A, and low power television broadcasters (LPTV) that produce and/or telecast religious programming. The public service provided by these broadcasters is uniquely local, often showcasing programming with local churches or non-profits, and providing wholesome, family-oriented viewing choices.
- WHEREAS** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is working to implement an auction of television broadcast spectrum in order to make more spectrum available for wireless use. The FCC's statements to date leave open concerns for all NRB TV ministries regarding their place on the airwaves after this auction, and LPTV is in a particularly precarious position.
- WHEREAS** NRB filed public comments with FCC in January 2013 recommending that in the spectrum auction proceeding the interests of the viewing public be kept paramount; that the FCC exercise the highest degree of transparency in the planned operation of the auction and in the standards it will employ in deciding the fate of broadcast stations; suggestions for a method to ensure equitable reimbursement for stations forced to relocate; and that the valuable localism provided by LPTV be protected in accord with the "No Alter" clause inserted by Congress in the auction's authorizing legislation. In addition, NRB filed a follow-up comment in May 2014 again emphasizing LPTV's critical role and that the FCC should do all in its power not to undermine LPTV through the spectrum auction.
- THEREFORE BE  
IT RESOLVED** that NRB hereby calls on the FCC to take care not to auction any religious broadcaster off the air; rather, the FCC should keep the interests of the viewing public paramount in the auction proceeding and not undermine programming choices for Americans, specifically the religious and family programming that NRB TV Members provide free of charge to local communities.