



# Resolution

## Advocating Internet Freedom Globally

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- WHEREAS** Freedom of religion and freedom of speech, core principles in the American Republic, are under siege in many places around the world;
- WHEREAS** Freedom has been the bedrock upon which the Internet has grown and flourished;
- WHEREAS** In addition to using physical means of repressing their people, a number of nations also restrict freedom on electronic media platforms, including broadcasting and the Internet;
- WHEREAS** Some regimes have advocated that more powers over the global Internet be given to an international body like the International Telecommunications Union of the United Nations;
- WHEREAS** NRB previously expressed concern that the FCC's assertion of power under Title II of the *Communications Act* over broadband providers domestically could send a poor signal to such nations;
- WHEREAS** The Executive Branch of the U.S. Government intends to transfer America's longtime supervisory role over Web domain names and addresses to a private organization, and Members of Congress rightly want details of the plan in advance and certification that it will not harm Internet freedom or allow another government to fill the void of the United States;
- THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED** NRB calls on the United States to actively work to ensure freedom in electronic media, particularly the Internet, globally.

*Approved by the Board of Directors February 23, 2016*