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## Demanding Defense of Freedom to Uphold Biblical Marriage and Sexuality

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- WHEREAS** The Holy Scriptures reveal that God created human beings in His image, He created them male and female (Genesis 1:27), He called them to be fruitful, and He instructs that “a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 1:28; Genesis 2:24). The Lord Jesus Christ reaffirmed these truths about gender, sexuality, and marriage—the holy union of one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6).
- WHEREAS** Activist judges, including five Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, chose to ignore the Bible, millennia of history, and the clear application of constitutional principles in an attempt to redefine marriage into something incompatible with the Creator’s definition of that bedrock institution for human society.
- WHEREAS** In his dissenting opinion in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, Chief Justice John Roberts warned, “The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to ‘advocate’ and ‘teach’ their views of marriage.... The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to ‘exercise’ religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses.”
- WHEREAS** Former U.S. Solicitor General Donald Verrilli admitted to the Supreme Court during oral argument of the *Obergefell* case that tax treatment of religious organizations upholding biblical marriage is "certainly going to be an issue."
- WHEREAS** Christian communicators are compelled by faith to proclaim the truth in love. However, government agents, as well as activists and powerful corporate and political elites, have worked to discriminate against Americans who adhere to biblical understandings of gender, sexuality, and marriage.
- WHEREAS** The Bill of Rights in the U.S. Constitution mandates that the government shall neither prohibit the free exercise of religion nor abridge the freedoms of speech or of the press.
- WHEREAS** Legislation, including the *First Amendment Defense Act*, has been introduced in Congress to shield Americans from federal government agents using tax treatment, licensing, grants, and other means to coerce or discriminate against citizens who merely wish to live in light of their religious convictions about marriage and sexuality.
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RESOLVED** NRB contends that the U.S. Government must faithfully preserve, protect, and defend the U.S. Constitution’s guarantee that all citizens are free to speak and free to exercise the tenets of their faith in daily life. Moreover, NRB urges Congress and state legislatures to pass laws preventing government intolerance and discrimination against those who adhere to biblical understandings of gender, sexuality, and marriage. Finally, NRB exhorts the United States to return to the truth that marriage is the sacred union between one man and one woman.

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