



Resolution

In Support of Christians in the Middle East

- WHEREAS** Our Lord Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, lived for years in Nazareth, and conducted and completed his earthly ministry throughout much of modern-day Israel.
- WHEREAS** Followers of Christ established deep cultural roots in these areas and surrounding Middle East regions.
- WHEREAS** Many Christians in the modern-day Middle East nation-states seek to be good neighbors by serving in local or internationally sponsored ministries teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ and showing His love in action to their communities.
- WHEREAS** Persecution of Christians is growing more severe worldwide, particularly in the Middle East, where many Christians face brutal violence and severe discrimination.
- WHEREAS** Attacks by Islamist militants have decimated the population of Middle Eastern Christians, particularly in Iraq and Syria at the hands of ISIS. In fact, at the bipartisan prompting of the United States Congress, the U.S. State Department determined that ISIS is guilty of genocidal action against Christians and other minorities. Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said that ISIS “is genocidal by self-proclamation, by ideology, and by actions - in what it says, what it believes, and what it does.” He also stated, “There is no question in my mind that if [ISIS] succeeded in establishing its so-called caliphate, it would seek to destroy what remains of [the] ethnic and religious mosaic once thriving in the region.”
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BE IT
RESOLVED** NRB honors the longstanding and steadfastly faithful communities of Christians in the Middle East, and we express thanks for the Christ-honoring ministries serving spiritual and physical needs in those lands. We pray for and stand with our brothers and sisters in the face of persecution, and we encourage all NRB members and their constituents to urge the United States to take decisive action in defense of Christians threatened by genocide.

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