Resolution
Indecency in Broadcasting

WHEREAS The airways do not belong to any one individual but are the shared and collective benefit of living in a free and open society, and

WHEREAS There has been an historic and important collective cultural effort in our country to protect the most defenseless and impressionable among us – our children, and

WHEREAS There is, today, a demonstrable disregard in broadcasting for common standards of decency, and

WHEREAS The Federal Communication Commission has established a standard to measure indecency, and

WHEREAS The FCC has hitherto demonstrated a lack of consistent enforcement of those regulations designed specifically to prevent indecency over the air, and

WHEREAS The FCC, by vigorously enforcing those regulations, sends a clear message that violations will not be tolerated, and

WHEREAS The steadfast and swift implementation of those regulations will encourage broadcasters to self-regulate both content and expression. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED That National Religious Broadcasters calls on the FCC, in its position as a protector of the airways, to steadfastly and swiftly enforce those regulations where a violation of decency has occurred, and be it

RESOLVED That we further call on Congress to concretize those regulations into federal statutes, thereby giving the weight of the law to standards of decency, and be it

RESOLVED That we further call on ourselves to report to the FCC and to our congressional representatives those violations when and where they may occur, and be it further

RESOLVED That we call on ourselves, as members of NRB, to uphold always the standards of decency in all of our various outlets, as integrity, purity and truth must always be the hallmark of a Christian broadcaster.

Approved by the Board of Directors February 13, 2004