



Resolution

Urging the Department of Justice to Protect Religious Freedom and Free Speech as it Enforces New “Hate Crimes” Legislation

- WHEREAS** the United States Congress has passed, and President Obama has signed into law, new “hate crimes” legislation;
- WHEREAS** National Religious Broadcasters drafted language protective of religious freedom and free speech which was sponsored by Senator Sam Brownback, and which was added to that federal hate crimes legislation (“Brownback Amendment”);
- WHEREAS** NRB’s Senior Vice-President and General Counsel has alerted the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to the proper legal interpretation that should be given to the “Brownback Amendment” in the DOJ’s guidelines for U.S. Attorneys across the nation;
- RESOLVED** that the U.S. Department of Justice should incorporate the recommendations of NRB’s Senior Vice-President and General Counsel into its guidelines for U.S. Attorneys across the nation regarding the proper interpretation of the “Brownback Amendment” to the new hate crimes law, and further that Department of Justice should exercise extreme diligence to insure that Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Speech are protected from wrongful, oppressive, or improper criminal investigations or prosecutions under the guise of enforcement of the new hate crimes law.