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Resolutions

For God so loved the world that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Know all men by these present that the officers, district moderators, pastors, and Baptist Churches of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, Inc. with solidarity, forethought, and sound resolve do hereby proffer this declaration denouncing, for now and all time, the civil inclusion of *same sex marriage*...

Whereas, we know that God loves the sinner, but hates sin.

Whereas, we live in an age where Christianity has become a game of "hide and seek' as legislators and politicians adjust and readjust the civil laws of the land to propagate legislation that directly attacks the *Holy Writ (The Bible)* of Genesis chapter three and verse four; and

Whereas, we live in an age saturated with ambivalence, deviant sexual conduct, misplaced priorities, and misappropriation of allegiance to Almighty God and His *Holy Writ*.

Whereas, the *Holy Writ* clearly condemns homosexuality as an immoral, unnatural, detestable sin. In Leviticus chapter eighteen verse twenty-two.

Whereas, the *Holy Writ* clearly identifies marriage to be between a "male and female" in Genesis chapter two verse twenty-four and First Corinthians chapter seven—verse two; and

Whereas, the viewpoint of marriage between male and female has been the universal unit in every civilization in world history; thereby, history argues against *same sex-marriage*; and

Whereas, secular psychology recognizes that men and women are psychologically and emotionally designed to complement one another in an effort, together, to raise *well-adjusted* children; thus, psychology argues against *same-sex marriage*; and

Whereas, the "natural" purpose of sexual intercourse, being procreation, can only come to fruition between man and woman; therefore, "nature" argues against *same sex marriage*.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Church State Convention of Arkansas, Inc., pertaining hereunto, "stand our ground" by denouncing the cosmopolitan legalism of *same sex marriage* as a denigration to our *Holy Writ*.

Be it furthermore resolved, therefore, to "serve this present age our calling to fulfill" that the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Church State Convention of Arkansas, Inc. in compos mentis and with sound resolve affirm our stand **against** *same sex marriage*, for on Christ the Solid Rock we stand...all other ground is seeking sand!

Done by order of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Church State Convention of Arkansas, Inc. and tendered to all men, courts and officials as a public declaration given this third day of June in the year of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, two thousand and fourteen.

Reverend Dr. Larry C. Battles, Vice President-At-Large, Advisor The Resolution Committee Reverend Dr. L. R. Massey, President