

"Safe Sex"

WHEREAS governmental agencies, public school systems, planned parenthood organizations, etc., have taught the message of "safe sex" (that a person is free to have sex with the person or persons of his choice as long as he uses protection); and

WHEREAS since 1970 the federal government has spent more than \$3 billion to promote contraception and the message of "safe sex" with a resulting 87 percent rise in teenage pregnancies between the ages of 15-19 and an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS the message of "safe sex" is an endorsement of casual sex and does not deal with the moral problem of sex outside marriage; and

WHEREAS abstinence from sex before marriage and a mutually faithful relationship thereafter is the only kind of "safe sex" and the most effective means of preventing sexually transmitted diseases and reducing teenage pregnancies; and

WHEREAS Hebrews 13:4 says, "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral" (NIV);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 62nd Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, on June 19-23, 1993, encourage our pastors and churches to continue preaching a message of "sexual purity" and that we urge our governmental agencies, school systems, planned parenthood organizations, etc., to replace their message of "safe sex" with a message of "abstinence before marriage."

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