Sanctity of Life

WHEREAS the Bible teaches the "breath of Life" is a gift from God and is sustained by Him (Gen.2:7; Job 10:12; Ps. 21:4; James 4:14, 15); and

WHEREAS God is knowledgeable of even the death of a sparrow (Matt. 10:29) and has stated His concern for every child (Ps. 127:3; Luke. 17:2) and concern for the elderly (Ps. 37:25; 71:17, 18), especially those who are ill and afflicted with incurable diseases; and

WHEREAS the Word of God teaches the sanctity of human life prior to birth and the identification of the fetus as a person later born (Jer. 1:4, 5; Ps. 139:3–16; Isa. 49:5) and the wrath of God against those who cause a child to be aborted, whether intentional or unintentional (Ex. 21:22, 23);

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the 54th Annual Conference pf the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting in Springfield, Illinois, June 24–28, 1985, do hereby state that we deplore the legalization of abortion, the proposed legalization of euthanasia, the private and public funding and tax exempt status of those organizations which promote and participate in this practice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we commend those approved agencies that provide an alternative to abortion and care for the elderly.

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