

## **AIDS: Concern for the Innocent Victims**

WHEREAS our nation and our world have been visited by a growing plague of the deadly virus AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome), insomuch that some of our own Regular Baptist families have known the trauma surrounding this scourge; and with full understanding that our churches, agencies and institutions will have to deal directly with its effects in the future; and

WHEREAS there are indeed victims as a result of blood transfusions, etc., and there remain many unknown factors about the killer virus;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Anaheim, California, on June 27 to July 1, 1988, sincerely extend our deepest compassion and sympathy to those innocent victims and call our brethren to give careful attention to their plight; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we declare a godly answer to the spread of AIDS by obedience to God's Word with the practice of monogamy; that we reject those unbiblical lifestyles such as homosexuality and fornication which have clearly been associated with the spread of AIDS; that we lead our children and our churches in a way of moral holiness so as to not invite God's wrath as evidenced in the historical record of God's Word; that we firmly declare the matter is first a Biblical/moral issue and then a health issue, and not a civil rights issue.

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