## The Believer's Responsibility in This Election Year

WHEREAS this is a crucial election year, which includes a number of important choices by the electorate, including a new President to lead us in these troublesome times; and

WHEREAS we have a great privilege in that we live in relative freedom, with the opportunity to participate as Christian citizens in crucial decisions; and

WHEREAS the Scripture commands us to be in prayer for those in leadership and to actively participate in society as an example and witness for righteousness (1 Tim. 2:1-4);

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, accept our personal responsibility in the present matter of our participation in the elective system and pledge ourselves to obey the Scripture by prayer and witness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches and individual members to be knowledgeable in the Biblical issues involved such as abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, homosexuality, humanism, sex education, school-based health clinics, opposition to religious freedom, etc., so that we do not knowingly give aid to candidates and ballot issues that actively oppose the grace of our God and the holiness of His character; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call our people to witness those righteous views by the registration for and the participation in voting on election day.

Anaheim, California June 27-July 1, 1988