Partial-Birth Abortion

WHEREAS "children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psalm 127:3; 139:13-18); and

WHEREAS abortion is the deliberate killing of pre-born children (Exodus 21:22–24) and thus a sin against God (Isaiah 1:15b–18) and a crime against humanity (Genesis 9:6); and

WHEREAS the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (HR 1833), a bill that would have spared near-fully developed children from death by a cruel and barbaric procedure, although supported by both the House and the Senate, has been vetoed by President Clinton, confirming and supporting the evil and extremist agenda of the abortion industry and its proponents;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in Lakeland, Florida, June 22-26, 1996, for the Association's 65th Annual Conference, emphatically reject the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call for the members of our fellowshipping churches to contact their elected congressional officials and encourage them to use the power of their office to continue to work toward securing legislative protection for the pre-born at all stages of gestational development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also encourage our fellowshipping churches to consider Biblically sound, evangelistic outreaches that counsel women, tempted by abortion, to choose life for their pre-born children and provide practical support, compassion and encouragement with the goal of reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ—the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6).

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