

A Resolution on the LGBTQ+ Agenda and Religious Liberty

Whereas, Mobile Baptists love the great city of Mobile, desire its peace and welfare, and are instructed in Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Timothy 2:2 to honor, respect, be subject to, and pray for “all those in authority” ; and

Whereas, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects the free exercise of religion thereby guaranteeing religious liberty; and

Whereas, Christians have the civic responsibility to be involved in the public sector and are called by biblical truth to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15); and

Whereas, biblical truth declares “all have sinned” in Romans 3:23 and everyone who repents and believes in Jesus, including those engaged in LGBTQ+ lifestyles, can be saved (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Acts 16:9; Romans 10:9); and

Whereas, the Bible clearly calls any sexual activity outside of a marriage relationship between one man and one woman a sinful behavior in both the Old and New Testaments (Genesis 19:1–13; Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:24–31; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; 1 Timothy 1:10); and

Whereas, the mayor of Mobile recently appointed two individuals as LGBTQ+ liaisons “to make sure leaders throughout Mobile have an LGBTQ perspective on city policies and services”; and

Whereas, the goal as stated by one of the liaisons in an article on *al.com* was to make sure “everyone feels not just safe and supported but **celebrated** for who they are”; and

Whereas, Christians who believe the Bible is the Word of God cannot **celebrate** something that the scriptures declare as sinful behavior (Romans 12:9; Ephesians 5:11; 1Thessalonians 5:22); and

Whereas, liaisons who were appointed to advise officials in other cities later were given the authority to enforce ordinances and levy fines on any groups who refused to celebrate pro-LGBTQ+ ordinances and activity; and

Whereas, there is an organized effort by the LGBTQ+ community to enter the political arena and limit religious liberty among those who oppose their lifestyle on religious

grounds and to ensure laws and ordinances are passed in cities across the state of Alabama which grant an unfair advantage to a small minority of its citizens; and

Whereas, any LGBTQ+ ordinances or activity exposing children to flagrant behavior, forcing compliance, or punishing dissent are incompatible with religious liberty:

Resolved, that the Executive Committee of the Mobile Baptist Association, with 114 congregations representing 74,000 members:

1. implores our various city, county, and state officials to protect religious liberty by rejecting any attempts to compromise the longstanding Judeo-Christian and biblical convictions of the majority of our citizens;
2. urges our elected officials to preemptively pass a religious liberty ordinance that will affirm and protect religious liberty to hold and live out biblical convictions regarding marriage and the family; and
3. offers our active support, encouragement, prayers, and good will as our elected officials seek to make this city, county, and state a better place to raise our children.

Adopted this day, Aug 1, 2022, Mobile Baptist Association.