

## **Child Protection**

In recognition of the need for child protection, especially as it relates to religious organizations and their personnel, we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, in Cedarville, Ohio, June 24–28, 2002, resolve to:

1. acknowledge the past, present, and future reality of child abuse in this sin-infiltrated world;
2. decry these acts against children as evil and tragic;
3. seek just and proper discipline and repentance once these abusive acts are discovered;
4. promote healing in the lives of the victims;
5. commit ourselves to implementing safeguards for the protection of children;
6. ask God to help, protect, and deliver us as we deal with the reality of child abuse;
7. heed Christ's warning, "whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matthew 18:6, NKJV).

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