

**AMERICAN BAPTIST
RESOLUTION ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY**

We endorse the national celebration of Religious Liberty Day sponsored by the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, and commend the observance to our ABC constituency for the first Sunday in June.

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POLICY BASE

American Baptist Policy Statement on Human Rights

As American Baptists we declare the following rights to be basic human rights, and we will support programs and measures to assure these rights:

1. The right of every person to choose a religion freely, to maintain religious belief or unbelief without coercion; the right for communities of faith to meet together to engage in public worship, to witness publicly to others, to speak prophetically from religious conviction to government and society, to live out religious beliefs, and to be free from governmental intrusion, coercion, and control in the free exercise of conscience and religion;