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**AMERICAN BAPTIST  
RESOLUTION ON GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS**

Resolved, that we urge our churches to employ, where good leadership is available, the organizational facilities and programs of the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts and similar organizations, to provide activities which build good citizenship.

Adopted by the Northern Baptist Convention - 1941  
Affirmed by the Executive Committee of the General Board - September 1985  
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**POLICY BASE**

**Statement of Purpose of American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.**

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. acknowledges that God's will is also manifested in movements outside the formal structures of Christ's church, and that therefore, it must respond faithfully to such disclosures.

**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:

5. The right to grow in mind and self-fulfillment, to secure an education, to develop knowledge, to exchange ideas; and to receive, impart and have access to information;
  8. The right to develop skills and abilities...
  11. The right of citizenship in a nation...
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