

3. Christian Responsibility in the Public Square
(as amended by the messengers on November 13, 2007)

WHEREAS, No governing authority exists except that which has been established by God (Romans 13:1); and

WHEREAS, It pleases God for His people to pray prayers of intercession and thanksgiving for all in authority (1 Timothy 2:1—2); and

WHEREAS, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people,” (Proverbs 14:34); and

WHEREAS, God tells us that if we humble ourselves and pray; seek His face; and turn from our wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven and forgive our sins and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14); therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the South Carolina Baptist Convention meeting in Florence, South Carolina on November 13 - 14, 2007, urge pastors and church members to become educated and informed about the moral issues we face in our nation today and whether the candidates for public office have a Biblical *or* world view of these issues; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Christians to vote—thinking about their vote as a Christian duty and subject to the Lordship of Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we humble ourselves and seek God’s face and pray for the healing of our nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pray for all persons in political office and all candidates that are seeking public office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage all Christians to get involved in the great blessing God has given us to freely elect our leaders and live in this nation of the free; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the South Carolina Baptist Convention, That **Wednesday, January 16th** be designated **a statewide day of prayer** seeking the Lord’s guidance for South Carolina Baptists in their decision for a candidate in the presidential primary; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that pastors encourage their congregations to go to their respective houses of worship, on that day, to engage in corporate prayer for the occasion.