

RESOLUTION ON ALCOHOL SALES

Whereas, The use of alcohol as a beverage continues to be the number one drug problem in the United States, with one out of every three American families experiencing severe problems related to alcohol use; and

Whereas, the use of alcohol is a leading cause of death in this country; and

Whereas, drunk driving alone caused 12,998 deaths (31.7% of all driving fatalities) in 2007 and is the number one cause of death for Americans under the age of 35; and

Whereas, the alcohol industry spends over \$2 billion per year hawking its wares, with many of its advertisements aimed specifically at young people and at those who are already heavy drinkers; and

Whereas, the latest figures show that in Alabama for every \$1.00 of tax revenue received from the sale of alcoholic beverages, it cost approximately \$15 in alcohol related problems; and

Whereas, according to federal research, alcohol is the number one cause of death among teenagers and the number three cause of birth defects in America; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has declared that the availability of alcoholic beverages has a direct relation to consumption resulting in increased alcohol related problems; and

Whereas, church members have entered into a covenant which says in part that we will “abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drink as a beverage;” and

Whereas, it has always been a church and a biblical principle that an exemplary Christian lifestyle is one of abstinence from beverage alcohol and all other harmful drugs,

Therefore Be It Resolved that we, the members of the _____ in _____, Alabama, convening on the _____ day of _____, 20 ____, affirm our steadfast opposition to the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and

Be It Further Resolved that we urge every member of the church to work tirelessly and uncompromisingly toward the end of educating our children, young people and adults concerning the nature and consequences of alcohol use, pointing them toward a responsible Christian lifestyle of abstinence from alcohol and all other mind-altering drugs; and

Be It Further Resolved that every member of the _____ join together in voting “NO” concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages in _____, Alabama; and

Be It Further Resolved that local elected officials and school personnel stand with the concerned citizens of _____, Alabama, in opposition to the sale of alcoholic beverages in our city; and

Be It Finally Resolved that the safety of the residents, especially the children and youth, of _____, Alabama, be placed above the costly and meager alcohol revenue by voting “NO” to the sale of alcoholic beverages in our city.