

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS East Texas Baptist University of Marshall, Texas, has for 100 years offered a superior higher education experience for young people, integrating the Christian faith with learning; and

WHEREAS when Christians confront an inescapable choice between the directives of man and the guidance of conscience consistent with teachings of the Christian faith, it is incumbent upon the Christian to comply with the latter; and

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States requires that laws passed by Congress must respect legitimate religious beliefs; and

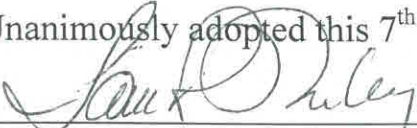
WHEREAS no less Constitutional authority than Thomas Jefferson addressed this issue by writing, "To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical"; and

WHEREAS East Texas Baptist University potentially faces such a clash, as presented by proposed mandates within the directives of the Federal Affordable Care Act; and

WHEREAS the President of East Texas Baptist University has the unequivocal support of the Board of Trustees and has been granted full license and authority to resist any mandate which would require this University to endorse or provide through insurance coverage that which this Board disbelieves and abhors;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of East Texas Baptist University adopts this Resolution as an expression of its full, unconditional and unwavering endorsement of the actions of University President Dr. S. W. Oliver, and the East Texas Baptist University Trustee Officers in resisting by every means necessary the implementation of any policy or practice which would contravene the deeply held belief that life is sacred and that the taking of human life is contrary to the calling of Christians and unacceptable at East Texas Baptist University.

Unanimously adopted this 7th day of September, 2012



Sam R. Moseley, Chairman



William M. Runnels, Secretary