



PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.

RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHT TO A LIBERAL EDUCATION

WHEREAS, GOD HAS A LIBERATING TRACK RECORD OF SHOWING UP IN SACRED SCRIPTURE AND IN HISTORY ON THE SIDE OF THOSE WHO “STAND AT A MOMENT IN TIME WITH THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL” AS THE GOD OF LIBERATION AND JUSTICE; AND ROOTED IN OUR HERMENEUTIC FROM THE MARGINS, THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, CONCEIVED FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN AMERICA, STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED AND AGAINST SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE AND

WHEREAS, JESUS CHRIST, OUR LIBERATOR AND LORD, THE INCARNATION OF DIVINE JUSTICE, DECLARED “AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL MAKE YOU FREE” AND

WHEREAS A WAR ON TRUTH TELLING WITH THE WEAPONS OF “ALTERNATIVE FACTS” AND WHITE WASHING HISTORY IN THE NAME OF PROTECTING WHITE FRAGILITY HAS RESULTED IN DANGEROUS CURRICULUM CHANGES IN MANY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FLORIDA, TEXAS AND OTHER STATES CAUGHT UP IN THE WAVE OF ANTI-BLACK RACISM DISGUISED AS ANTI-WOKE POLITICS AND HAS RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF JOBS FOR THOSE ACCUSED OF “WOKE” TEACHING, AND

WHEREAS THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION IS BEING HELD IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA THAT PASSED THE “STOP WOKE ACT” WHICH PROHIBITS WORKPLACE TRAINING OR SCHOOL INSTRUCTION THAT TEACHES THAT INDIVIDUALS ARE “INHERENTLY RACIST, SEXIST, OR OPPRESSIVE, WHETHER CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY;” THAT PEOPLE ARE PRIVILEGED OR OPPRESSED BASED ON RACE, GENDER, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; OR THAT A PERSON “BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND MUST FEEL GUILT, ANGUISH, OR OTHER FORMS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS” OVER ACTIONS COMMITTED IN THE PAST BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME RACE, GENDER, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN AND

WHEREAS EDUCATORS AND THE CHILDREN OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE BECOME CASUALTIES IN THIS WAR ON TRUTH AS MANY TEACHERS ARE AFRAID TO DISCUSS RACE AND RACISM EVEN AS RACIAL CURRENT EVENTS UNFOLD AND CHILDREN ARE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICALLY THINK AND HAVE THEIR FERTILE MINDS EQUIPPED TO WRESTLE WITH COMPLEXITY AND NAVIGATE DIFFERENCES, AND

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WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES WAS BORN IN THE SIN OF A HOSTILE TAKEOVER OF INDIGENOUS LAND AND SHAPED BY THE INIQUITY OF ANTI-BLACK RACISM AND RACISM REMAINS AN EVER-PRESENT REALITY OF CASTE IN THE SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES OF AMERICA SO THAT IT CAN BE SAID THAT "CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY;" NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION DENOUNCES THE RACIST POLICIES OF FLORIDA, TEXAS, MISSISSIPPI, TENNESSEE, OKLAHOMA, IDAHO, AND ALL STATES THAT HAVE PASSED, "ANTI-WOKE" AND ANTI-CRITICAL RACE THEORY BILLS INTO LAW; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION WILL PROPHETICALLY AGITATE AND ADVOCATE THROUGH OUR LOCAL CHURCHES AND STATE CONVENTIONS FOR THE OVERTURNING OF ANTI-WOKE AND ANTI-CRITICAL RACE THEORY LAWS THAT UNDERMINE THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS AND TRANSFORM "HISTORY INTO PROPAGANDA" TO QUOTE W. E. B. DuBOIS; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION AFFIRMS AND APPLAUD THE FREEDOM SCHOOLS OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND AND LIFT THEM UP AS MODELS TO OFFSET THE "SPEECH CODES" AND BOOK BANS THAT MARK THIS ANTI-WOKE MOVEMENT AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED THAT THE PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION ENCOURAGES THE BLACK CHURCH TO RETURN TO HER LIBERATIVE ROOTS AND USE OUR FACILITIES TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND NOT RELY ON "PHARAOH" TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE OF EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN,

