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RESOLUTION OF LSBA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WHEREAS, the articles of the Louisiana State Bar Association (LSBA) provides that the object and purpose of the Association includes promoting the administration of justice;

WHEREAS, the promoting the administration of justice includes support for basic and fundamental human rights including the human rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion;

WHEREAS, the human rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion are protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and by Sections 7 and 8 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been attacks in our State and Nation on the fundamental rights of freedom of speech and freedom of religion;

WHEREAS, in recent years, the rights of free speech and freedom of religion have been threatened in the State of Louisiana by the arrests and threat of arrest of Christian preachers simply for speaking about their faith in public places;

WHEREAS, there have been other threats to these rights throughout the state and nation including a denial of justice to persons being threatened with arrest, imprisonment or the loss of their livelihood or denial of license to practice their profession simply because of the expression of their faith or their refusal to engage in acts prohibited by their religion;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the LSBA to support the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and §§ 7 and 8 of Article I of the Louisiana

Constitution and to support the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion and oppose laws, regulations, rules and practices that prohibit or impair such freedoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Bar Association supports the 1st Amendment to the United States Constitution and §§ 7 and 8 of Article I of the Louisiana Constitution, and freedom of speech and the freedom of religion and urges the repeal of all laws and municipal ordinances, regulations, rules, executive orders and other practices that prohibit or impair the freedom of speech or the freedom of religion or that discriminates against persons because of their faith, their free exercise thereof, or because of their expression of their religious or political views and urge the adoption of laws which protect freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Louisiana, the Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, the President of the Louisiana State Senate, and to the Louisiana Municipal Association.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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