

Resolution on Marriage

WHEREAS, Marriage is a covenant relationship and an institution established by God rather than simply a human social construct (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6; Ephesians 5:22–33); and

WHEREAS, Highland Drive Baptist Church affirms our support of the biblical definition of marriage as the exclusive union of one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures indicate that all sexual behavior outside of marriage is sinful; and

WHEREAS, All people, regardless of race or sexual orientation, are created in the image of God and thus are due respect and love (Genesis 1:26–27); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our love to those who struggle with same-sex attraction and who are engaged in the homosexual lifestyle; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we stand against any form of gay-bashing, whether disrespectful attitudes, hateful rhetoric, or hate-incited actions toward persons who engage in acts of homosexuality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm that our pastors, small group leaders, and all who teach in HDBC ministries and events shall teach the truth of God's word on human sexuality, marriage, purity, and love as affirmed in the HDBC statement of belief; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our staff ministers will only be allowed to officiate marriage ceremonies that adhere to the biblical definition of marriage as one man and one woman; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our facilities will only be used for wedding ceremonies that adhere to the biblical definition of marriage and that meet other requirements as stating in our church's wedding policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we proclaim that Christ offers forgiveness of sin for those who turn from their sins and believe on Christ for the forgiveness of sin.