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Resolution Committee
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
205 Convention Drive,
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To whom it may concern,

I submit this resolution, included below, for consideration to be presented at this year's (2022) convention. If there are questions regarding this resolution please contact me by either phone or email.

In the love of Christ,

Casey Rayfield

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Resolution on Office, Function and Title of Pastor

WHEREAS, Many debates surface surrounding the word pastor

WHEREAS, There are uncertainties by many of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's stance on the subject of the word, office, function and title pastor

WHEREAS, Pastors are vital elements of the leadership in the churches which compose the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, Webster's 1828 dictionary defines pastor as, "A minister of the gospel who has the charge of a church and congregation, whose duty is to watch over the people of his charge, and instruct them in the sacred doctrines of the christian religion."

WHEREAS, According to Webster's definition and historic southern baptist ecclesiology, use of the word, office, function and title pastor is in reference to the scriptural positions of leadership referred to in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1

WHEREAS, Presented in scriptures the pastor/bishop is to be the HUSBAND (male) of one WIFE (female) and there is no qualifications directed to a wife.

WHEREAS, Pastors/bishops, even if not lead or senior, are the spiritual teaching leaders in the congregation of local church

WHEREAS, women are not permitted to preach/teach in the assembly of the local congregation of the church according to Corinthians 14 and 1 Timothy 2:12

WHEREAS, there is no scriptural evidence for women to serve as pastor, lead pastor, senior pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, finance pastor,

RESOLVED, That the office, title, and function of pastor is reserved for a scripturally qualified, biologically born male.

RESOLVED, That if the individual is not qualified of origination, then they are not qualified as a pastor.

RESOLVED, That though the office, title, and function of pastor is a privilege, it is even more so a duty and responsibility of the christian men of the church, which carries much responsibility.