

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees/Officers of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Kingman, a Kansas not for profit, non-stock corporation (“the Church”), adopts the following resolutions effective the 12th day of March, 2015:

WHEREAS, the Trustees/Officers of the Church, together with the spiritual leadership of its Pastor and Deacons, have determined that it is in the best interest of the Church to adopt a formal policy concerning same-sex marriage; it is now

RESOLVED: That the following policy of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

It is the policy and spiritual decision of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH that the Church, and its officials, shall not perform, solemnize or officiate a marriage ceremony between same sex individuals. No official is authorized to join individuals in marriage in violation of this Resolution. This policy of the Church is an exercise its rights of free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and by the Kansas Constitution and Kansas Bill of Rights, and recognizes that FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine, policy teachings, and beliefs regarding who may marry within its faith.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH shall not provide services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges to an individual if the request for the services, accommodations, advantages, facilities, goods, or privileges is related to the solemnization of a marriage or celebration of a marriage that is in violation of the Church’s religious beliefs, including its prohibition of same sex marriage.

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By:

_____ Secretary

_____ Date