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Raleigh, NC – August 4, 2016: On July 26th, 2016 in Wilson North Carolina, at the 98th Stated Meeting of New Hope Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), minister members and elder commissioners approved the attached resolution, “calling upon the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to repeal House Bill2 and restore, renew, and affirm the rights of all our citizens”.

The approved resolution came from the Peacemaking Committee of New Hope Presbytery.

The Presbytery of New Hope concurs with the resolution passed at the April 30, 2016 stated meeting of Salem Presbytery and the May 17, 2016 stated meeting of Charlotte Presbytery.

In no way do we, as New Hope Presbytery, support any legislation, organization, or actions which serve to express discrimination against any individuals or group of individuals.

It is our belief in accordance with the scriptures that God created all of humanity in God's image (Genesis. 1:27). Furthermore, it is our belief that there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for you all are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians. 3:28)

As we affirm these things as a Presbytery, we cannot support House Bill 2. In accordance with Isaiah 1:7, we seek justice and we defend the rights of the oppressed. We affirm this as our duty as followers of Christ.

We therefore call upon the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to repeal HB2 and restore, renew, and affirm the rights of our citizens.