

## **Casino Gambling**

WHEREAS the legislation of casino gambling is being considered in several states, including the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS the supporters of this legislation are seeking the necessary signatures to place this issue on a statewide referendum in Florida during 1978; and

WHEREAS one of the great concerns is the criminal element which is attracted to, infiltrates, and feeds upon the casino world as well as other forms of legalized gambling; and

WHEREAS contrary to the supporters of casino gambling, there is no evidence that revenue from this means would benefit the taxpayer, especially since there would be an increased need in government employees to handle the administration and additional police force would cost the taxpayer millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS most importantly the Scripture makes it clear that God's children are to have no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them; we are also called upon not to love the world neither the things in the world and that where your treasure is there will your heart be also; and finally we are reminded that God will supply all our need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session in Lakeland, Florida, June 26–30, 1978, because of the previously mentioned reasons express our complete opposition to the legalization of casino gambling and urge the members of our churches to vigorously oppose any movement seeking to legalize casino gambling or seeking in any way to bring respectability to gambling.

*Lakeland, Florida  
June 26–30, 1978*