

## RESOLUTION

THE RABBINICAL COUNCIL OF AMERICA in Convention assembled, cognizant of the lack of clarity existent on wide levels of the American Jewish community of the role played by Halacha in maintaining Jewish unity throughout our long history; troubled by divisions in the community in understanding our sacred Jewish heritage, saddened by the alienation of many of our People from religious observance and fidelity mandated by Halacha; and

FAITHFUL TO the principle in our constitution (Art. II, sec. 4) which commits us to be "...ever on guard against any distortion or misinterpretation of Torah-true Judaism by individuals or groups within and without the House of Israel, and to clarify through the written and spoken word the true teachings of Torah;"

REAFFIRMS its position since its inception of a half century ago that Halacha, as the basis of Jewish existence, is not subject to negotiation or dialogue, fashion or popular opinion;

RESOLVES THAT IT WILL CONTINUE to work in good faith with all groups in the Jewish community in matters that concern the political, and social welfare of Jews in America, in Israel, and the world over;

WILL CONTINUE to strive towards Jewish unity based on strengthening and not eroding sacred Jewish practice, both in the United States where Conservative, Reform, and Reconstructionist bodies have legislated serious deviations from Halacha threatening the oneness of the Jewish People, and even more so in Israel where non-Halachic bodies have sought to blur and change the very definition of Halacha;

ENCOURAGES all of those individuals now affiliated with the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements to continue to move their own colleagues towards a recognition of the disunity inherent in legislation on their part, and to rethink the ramifications of their acts for the sake of Jewish unity;

WELCOMES ALL Jews and all Jewish groups, to work with us to restore Torah principle to the whole Jewish community, and to return Jews to Torah observance.