

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CALLING FOR AN END TO CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION AND FOR EVERY GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF CHRISTIANS TO PRACTICE THEIR FAITH WITHOUT PERSECUTION OR FEAR OF DEATH, RAPE, IMPRISONMENT, FORCED MARRIAGE, OR PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence are rooted in the fundamental truth that all people are created equal, endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article I, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho states all men are by nature free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, pursuing happiness, and securing safety; and

WHEREAS, the right of freedom of religion for all people undergirds the very origin and existence of the United States and the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, the right of freedom of religion for all people is a fundamental human right that must be upheld by every nation and guaranteed by every government; and

WHEREAS, over 300 million Christians worldwide are experiencing high levels of persecution including death, rape, imprisonment, forced marriage, and physical violence; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade 90,000 Christians around the world have been martyred annually for their faith; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing crisis of persecution and genocide against Christians underway; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to shine a bright light to the untold suffering, hardship, and pain of persecuted Christians around the world and in the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Representatives, assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-fifth Idaho Legislature, that the State of Idaho declares its support for the fundamental human rights and religious freedom of all people, including Christians, globally and in the United States, calls for an end to Christian persecution, and calls on every government to recognize the fundamental rights of Christians to practice their faith without persecution or fear of death, rape, imprisonment, forced marriage, or physical violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because the State of Idaho values religious freedom for all as a fundamental tenet of our form of government, we resolve to stand in support of the religious freedom of Christians worldwide and

1 condemn any religious persecution of those Christians globally and in the
2 United States.