A proclamation regarding the abominable practice of including women in conscription,

that is, the compulsory enlistment for state military service. Colloquially referred to as the Selective Service, or the draft, conscription is referenced in the Selective Service Act of 1917 which authorized the federal government to temporarily expand the military through compulsive mustering. — This act required all men between the ages of 21 (18 as of 1918) to 45 to register for military service.

As far back as 1945 and as recently as 2024, US presidents and the US Congress have attempted to amend this act to include women. The following proclamations are representative of **God's people at Eastside Baptist Church**

and serve as notice of intention to practice Godly dissent in the face of tyranny.

We affirm and deny the following propositions:

Article I: Women in the military

WE AFFIRM that the word of God declares it to be contrary to righteousness, justice, and goodness through the law given down through Moses, applied through general equity, for women to put on the martial attire of a man and that it is likewise unlawful for women to be conscripted into the military, combat or otherwise.

WE AFFIRM the duty of warrior is given distinctly to men of fighting age.

WE DENY that it is the duty, nature, or responsibility of women to protect their countries in the office of warrior.

Genesis 14:14; Numbers 1:2-3; 26; 31:3-4; 32:25-27; Deuteronomy 22:5; Joshua 1:14; 6:3; 8:3; Judges 7:1-8; 20:8-11; 1 Samuel 8:11-13; 13:2; 1 Chronicles 21:5, 23-24; 2 Chronicles 25:5-6; 26:11-14; Nehemiah 4:13-14; Jeremiah 51:30

Article II: Cowardice

WE AFFIRM that it is cowardice for a nation or individual men to cause women to stand in the office of warrior. And that cowards have their portion in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death; that eternal punishment, Hell.

WE DENY that it is affirming, courageous, or kind to women to treat them like men and

WE DENY that men ought to behave like women.

Genesis 5:2; 1:27; Numbers 1:2–3; Judges 4:8-9; Revelation 21:8, 1 Samuel 8:11; Isaiah 19:16; Jeremiah 50:37; Nahum 3:13; 1 Peter 3:7;

Article III: Equality

WE AFFIRM that men and women are ontologically (fundamentally) equal (regarding being as image-bearers).

WE DENY that men and women are economically (functionally) equal (regarding activity and roles). Genesis 5:2; 1:27; Galatians 3:27–29; Galatians 4:6; Colossians 3:10-11; 1 Tim 2:8–15

Article IV: Disobedience to Tyranny

WE AFFIRM that resistance to tyranny is obedience to God.

WE DENY that God's people are to blindly follow the godless edicts of a prideful, selfish, and unbelieving government or a congressional act of the same stripe. Exodus 14:27-28; Deuteronomy 6:15-57; Psalm 2:2-3; 94:20; 118:9; 119:126; 136:13-18; Ezekiel 22:29-30; Daniel 6:11; Daniel 3:16; Acts 5:29 ; 14:19; Romans 12:17-21; 1 Corinthians 7:23

Article V: Natural Law

WE AFFIRM that natural law itself cries out that women are vessels designed for the giving of life not the systematic taking away of life.

WE DENY any value of the zeitgeistic retardation of the LGQBT+ and abortion agendas and their logical continuation in female conscription. All three ideologies are direct attacks on women's distinctions and their glory. Genesis 1:27; 5:12; Exodus 23:19; 1 Samuel 8:11-13

Article VI: Support Roles and Self-Defence

WE AFFIRM that certain martial support roles are appropriate for women and that there is liberty of conscience regarding some non combatant jobs.

WE DENY that these roles shall be conscripted or compulsory. -and-

WE AFFIRM that women are entitled to the certain unalienable rights which they are endowed by their Trinitarian Creator to protect themselves and those around them. **WE DENY** that the act of self defense is militaristic in nature. Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Judges 4; Psalm 33:12

Article VII: Just War

WE AFFIRM that there are just and legitimate reasons for nations to go to war and that Christians may participate in said just wars.

WE DENY that all wars are just.

Exodus 22:2 Numbers 21:21-24; Joshua 5:13; I Chronicles 21:16; Proverbs 20:18; 24:6; Ecclesiastes 3:8; Revelation 19:1-5

CONCLUSION:

WHEREAS we value the glory and beauty of our wives and daughters above the state's immoral and selfish ambitions,

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WHEREAS we love our neighbors as ourselves,

-and-

WHEREAS we are "not [to] be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, [we Fear] the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28)

THEREFORE, we are resolved to defend our wives and daughters and not to allow them or the wives and daughters of our neighbors, who may likewise dissent, to be conscripted into the United States Armed Forces and we are opposed to any such future measures regardless of their successful or legal passage through Congress or presidential executive edict either in time of war or peace because such acts or actions would be clean contrary to the Law of God, the conscience of His people, and the good of our land.

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THEREFORE according to the great tradition of Christendom and our beloved nation we are in agreement with our fathers before us that when the state commands that which God forbids, or forbids that which God commands, we are to obey God rather than man.

Our Christian conscience binds us