

Whereas: The principle of the complete separation of Church and State is a cornerstone of American democracy without which our democracy and American way of life would be impossible; and

Whereas: It is recognized that the constitutional guarantee of the separation of Church and State is seriously impaired in these times; and

Whereas: Unitarian Churches and Associations of Unitarian Churches have always stood against any encroachment upon the principle of separation of Church and State; and

Whereas.: The American Unitarian Association, at past Annual Meetings, has gone on record as opposing released time from the public school for religious education as a dangerous threat to the separation of Church and State and to the principle task of the public school system;

BE IT T HEREFOR E RESOLVED

That the Congregation of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose hereby endorses such resolutions in opposition to the released time religious education programs.