

1 **OVERTURE 42** from Rocky Mountain Presbytery (to OC)
2 "Affirm (with Changes) Overture 6 Regarding Child Protection in the PCA"
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4 **Whereas** Georgia Foothills Presbytery has sent an overture to the 42nd General Assembly
5 calling on the General Assembly to speak to the issue of child sexual abuse
6 (Overture 6: "Child Protection in the PCA"); and
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8 **Whereas** Rocky Mountain Presbytery believes that child sexual abuse is an issue to which the
9 General Assembly should speak; and
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11 **Whereas** Rocky Mountain Presbytery endorses the substance of Overture 6 from Georgia
12 Foothills Presbytery on child sexual abuse;
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14 **Therefore be it resolved** that Rocky Mountain Presbytery urges the 42nd General Assembly
15 to embrace Overture 6 from Georgia Foothills Presbytery on child sexual abuse with
16 the following three changes:
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18 Change number 1 is to add the phrase "according to local laws on mandatory reporting
19 and the PCA position on clergy-communicant privilege" after the phrase "God-
20 ordained civil authorities" in paragraph 6.
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22 Change number 2 is to add the phrase "to proper authorities according to relevant
23 statutes" after the phrase "but instead expose them" in paragraph 7.
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25 And change number 3 is to add the phrase "their procedures for impartial investigations,
26 their Scriptural ways of handling accusations and testimony, their methods for church
27 discipline and accountability" to the series after the phrase "their care for survivors
28 of child sexual abuse" in paragraph 8.
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30 *Adopted by Rocky Mountain Presbytery at its stated meeting, April 24, 2014*

31 *Attested by /s/ TE Kevin F. Allen, stated clerk*