

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1615

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12 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION claiming sovereignty under the
13 Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over cer-
14 tain powers; serving notice to the federal government to cease and
15 desist certain mandates; providing that certain federal legislation be
16 prohibited or repealed; and directing distribution.
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18 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United
19 States reads as follows:

20 “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution,
21 nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively,
22 or to the people.”; and

23 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal
24 power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United
25 States and no more; and

26 WHEREAS, The scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment
27 means that the federal government was created by the states for the
28 specific purpose of being an agent of the states; and

29 WHEREAS, Today, in 2009, the states are demonstrably treated as
30 agents of the federal government; and

31 WHEREAS, Many federal laws are in direct violation of the Tenth
32 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

33 WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment assures that we, the people of
34 the United States of America and each sovereign state in the Union of
35 States, now have, and have always had, rights the federal government may
36 not usurp; and

37 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 4 says, “The United States shall guar-
38 antee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government”,
39 and the Ninth Amendment states that “The enumeration in the Consti-
40 tution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others
41 retained by the people”; and

42 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has ruled in *New York*
43 *v. United States*, 112 S. Ct. 2408 (1992), that Congress may not simply

1 commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states; and
2 WHEREAS, A number of proposals from previous administrations
3 and some now pending from the present administration and from Con-
4 gress may further violate the Constitution of the United States.
5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
6 *resentatives concurring therein:* That the State of Kansas hereby claims
7 sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the
8 United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to
9 the federal government by the Constitution of the United States;
10 *Be it further resolved:* That this serve as Notice and Demand to the
11 federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immedi-
12 ately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally del-
13 egated powers;
14 *Be it further resolved:* That all compulsory federal legislation which
15 directs states to comply under threat of civil or criminal penalties or sanc-
16 tions or requires states to pass legislation or lose federal funding be pro-
17 hibited or repealed; and
18 *Be it further resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be distributed
19 to the President of the United States, the President of the United States
20 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
21 Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate of each state's
22 legislature of the United States of America, and each member of the
23 Kansas Congressional Delegation.