



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 42

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1 **Relating to:** state sovereignty.

2 Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads,
3 “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited
4 by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”; and

5 Whereas, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as
6 being that specifically granted by the U.S. Constitution and no more; and

7 Whereas, as the scope of power is defined by the Tenth Amendment, the federal
8 government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and

9 Whereas, today the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal
10 government; and

11 Whereas, the legislature has forwarded to the federal government numerous
12 resolutions opposing federal encroachment on state powers but has received no
13 response or result from Congress or the federal government; and

14 Whereas, many federal mandates are directly in violation of the Tenth
15 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

