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1 **Relating to:** state sovereignty.

2 Whereas, the 10th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads
3 as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor
4 prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people";
5 and

6 Whereas, the 10th Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being
7 only that specifically granted by the U.S. Constitution and no more; and

8 Whereas, the scope of power defined by the 10th Amendment means that the
9 federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states;
10 and

11 Whereas, today the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal
12 government; and

13 Whereas, numerous resolutions opposing federal encroachment on state
14 powers have been forwarded to the federal government by the legislature without
15 any response or result from Congress or the federal government; and

