



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 51

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1 **Relating to:** state sovereignty.

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

8 Whereas, the scope of power defined by the Tenth 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, many federal mandates are directly in violation of the Tenth
14 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

