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1 House Memorial

2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
3 urging Congress to discontinue its practice of
4 imposing federal mandates and legislation upon the
5 states which exceed the scope of its constitutionally
6 delegated powers under the Tenth Amendment to the
7 Constitution of the United States and to repeal
8 existing compulsory federal legislation that directs
9 the states to comply or requires the states to pass
10 specific legislation in order not to lose federal
11 funding.

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13 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida assert their
14 residual and inviolable sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to
15 the Constitution of the United States over all powers not
16 otherwise enumerated and granted to the Federal Government by
17 that Constitution, and

18 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida also refuse to
19 comply with mandates issued by any branch of the Federal
20 Government which are beyond the scope of such constitutionally
21 delegated powers and demand that the Federal Government cease
22 and desist from issuing mandates that are beyond the scope of
23 such powers, and

24 WHEREAS, the people of the State of Florida further refuse
25 to recognize or comply with any compulsory federal legislation
26 that directs the state to comply or requires the state to pass
27 specific legislation in order not to lose federal funding, and

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28 WHEREAS, the sovereignty of the State of Florida is
 29 threatened by federal mandates and legislation that exceed the
 30 scope of power delegated to the Federal Government under the
 31 Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and

32 WHEREAS, the imposition of excessive federal enactments
 33 diminishes the rights and abilities of the people of the State
 34 of Florida to govern themselves as a free and independent state,
 35 NOW, THEREFORE,

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 37 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 39 That the Congress of the United States is urged to
 40 discontinue its current practice of imposing federal mandates
 41 and legislation upon the states which exceed the scope of its
 42 constitutionally delegated powers under the Tenth Amendment to
 43 Constitution of the United States.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress is also urged to
 45 repeal all existing compulsory federal legislation that directs
 46 the states to comply or requires the states to pass specific
 47 legislation in order not to lose federal funding.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
 49 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
 50 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
 51 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
 52 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.