

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, the Declaration of Independence declared these United States bound by
3 the tyranny of a government that was unresponsive to its citizens, as set forth in the following
4 language: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are
5 endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and
6 the Pursuit of Happiness---That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men,
7 deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed..."; and

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9 **Whereas**, some states when ratifying the Constitution of the United States of
10 America recommended as a change, "that it be explicitly declared that all powers not expressly
11 and particularly delegated by the aforesaid are reserved to the several states to be by them
12 exercised"; and

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14 **Whereas**, these recommended changes were incorporated as the Ninth
15 Amendment, where, "The enumeration of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or
16 disparage others retained by the people"; and

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18 **Whereas**, the Tenth Amendment sets firm limits on federal power to that which
19 is defined by the states and the citizens when it says, "the powers not delegated to the United
20 States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States
21 respectively, or to the people"; and

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23 **Whereas**, the Tenth Amendment assures that we, the people of the United States
24 of America and each sovereign state in the Union of States, now have, and have always had,
25 rights the federal government may not usurp which allow us to craft our own laws specifically
26 tailored to reflect the values, public morals and fiscal benevolence of our own citizens; and

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28 **Whereas**, the Constitution of Missouri expresses the powers of the people in
29 Article I, Section 3, by declaring, "That the people of this state have the inherent, sole and
30 exclusive right to regulate the internal government and police thereof, and to alter and abolish
their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety