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A resolution

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affirming the sovereignty of the people of the State of Minnesota and memorializing

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Congress to act to nullify laws in violation of that sovereignty.

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WHEREAS, in the American system, sovereignty is defined as final authority, and the

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people, not government, are sovereign; and

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Minnesota are not united with the people of the other

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49 states that comprise the United States of America on a principle of unlimited submission to

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their federal government; and

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WHEREAS, all power not delegated by the people to government is retained; and

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WHEREAS, the people of the several states comprising the United States of America

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created the federal government to be their agent for certain enumerated purposes only; and

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WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America

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reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor

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prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

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WHEREAS, powers too numerous to list for the purposes of this resolution have been

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exercised, past and present, by federal administrations, under the leadership of both Democrats

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and Republicans, which infringe on the sovereignty of the people of this state and may further

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violate the Constitution of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, when powers are assumed by the federal government, which have not been

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delegated to it by the people, a nullification of the act is the rightful remedy; that without this

2.1 remedy, the People of this State would be under the dominion, absolute and unlimited, of whoever
2.2 might exercise this right of judgment for them; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it affirms the
2.4 sovereignty of the people of the State of Minnesota under the Tenth Amendment to the
2.5 Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise delegated to the federal
2.6 government by the Constitution of the United States.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall serve as a notice and demand
2.8 to the federal government to cease and desist any and all activities outside the scope of its
2.9 constitutionally delegated powers.

2.10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that a task force be appointed by
2.11 Congress, which shall be charged with the task of nullifying specific federal laws and regulations
2.12 which are outside the scope of the powers delegated by the people to the federal government
2.13 in the Constitution.

2.14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.15 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States,
2.16 the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.17 States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.