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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ***1***

A RESOLUTION affirming the natural right of persons and affirming that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights.

SPONSORS: Rep. Belcher, Carr. 4; Rep. Terry, Belk. 7; Rep. Sirois, Hills. 32

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

ANALYSIS

This house joint resolution affirms the natural right of persons and that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

A RESOLUTION affirming the natural right of persons and affirming that the state and federal government are established for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Whereas, the nature of the rights of persons is inherent, existing before and after the state, not
2 furnished or legitimized by the state, but to be affirmed and upheld by the state, and binding on the
3 state and magistrates in the exercise of their just authority; and

4 Whereas, the source of the just authorities of government are transcendent and legitimized by a
5 constant observance of these principles, and by the consent of the governed which may be withdrawn
6 owing to a failure of such constant observance; and

7 Whereas, the source of the rights of mankind is likewise transcendent, endowed and justified by
8 our creator, and enumerated in part in the New Hampshire constitution and federal Constitution of
9 the United States of America, Bill of Rights, which holds the freedom from the official establishment
10 of a state church or coercion toward particular spiritual dogma, the freedom of speech and right to
11 disseminate information in good faith that shall not be infringed directly, by proxy, nor subject to
12 prosecution under "hate crime" statutes in the absence of a crime against persons or property, the
13 right to assemble and to receive reasonable protection from authorities against lawlessness and
14 criminality in such assembly, the right to bear arms and to self-militia in defense of oneself, family,
15 private property, community, state, nation, and liberties, that no soldier nor any person whatsoever
16 shall be forcible or coercively quartered in any house or home, the freedom from unreasonable search
17 and seizure by all government entities, by proxy of government, or by any entity furnishing such
18 knowledge to government, in their persons, houses, papers, effects, and data, and the right that all
19 persons subject to loss of a liberty-interest except property under a certain value shall have the right
20 to a trial by jury; and

21 Whereas, the government of this state and the federalization of the several states is established
22 for the purpose of upholding, protecting, and securing these rights to the citizenry of their respective
23 jurisdictions for the entirety of their living presence therein; now, therefore, be it

24 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

25 That it is affirmed and directed to the other branches, political subdivisions, and all magistrates
26 of government that this is the intent and belief of the legislature regarding the understanding,
27 interpretation, and proper exercise of government authority in the state of New Hampshire in our
28 delegated constitutional capacity to establish such policy as contained herein; and

29 That the house clerk and senate clerk each transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of

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1 the United States Senate, United States Senate Majority Leader, Speaker of the United States
2 House of Representatives, the governor of New Hampshire, the attorney general of New Hampshire
3 and the members of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.