

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0005

Sovereign authority against federal action.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clem, Allen, Edmonds,
Edwards, Halverson, Jaggi, Kroeker, Laursen,
Miller and Reeder

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to authorize the state to prohibit the use of
3 state personnel and financial resources to enforce,
4 administer or cooperate with federal action that is not
5 consistent with the constitution of the United States.

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7 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
8 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
9 *separately, concurring therein:*

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11 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
12 Constitution, Article 1, Section 37 is proposed for
13 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
14 next general election for approval or rejection to become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
2 majority of the electors at the election:

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4 **Article 1, Section 37. Constitution of United States**
5 **supreme law of land.**

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7 (a) The State of Wyoming is an inseparable part of
8 the federal union, and the constitution of the United
9 States is the supreme law of the land to which all
10 government, state and federal, is subject.

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12 (b) To protect the freedom of the people and to
13 preserve the checks and balances of the constitution of the
14 United States, this state or its citizens may exercise the
15 sovereign authority of the state to restrict the actions of
16 its personnel and the use of its financial resources to
17 purposes that are consistent with the constitution of the
18 United States by taking any action permissible under the
19 laws of this state.

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21 (c) If the citizens of this state or their
22 representatives exercise their authority pursuant to this
23 section, this state and all political subdivisions of this

1 state are prohibited from using any personnel or financial
2 resources to enforce, administer or cooperate with a
3 designated federal action or program.

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5 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
6 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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8 This amendment would allow the state, through the people or
9 their representatives, to prohibit the use of state
10 personnel or financial resources to enforce, administer or
11 cooperate with a federal action or program that is not
12 consistent with the constitution of the United States.

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