Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3033
(Representatives K. Koppelman, Boehning, Devlin, Kasper, Olson, Schatz, Thoreson, Toman)
(Senators Klein, G. Lee, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threaten our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments of our Constitution;

WHEREAS, federal regulators must be more accountable to elected representatives of the people and not immune from such accountability;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence decried the imposition by the central government of "an absolute tyranny over these states" and a central government that "erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance";

WHEREAS, states too often find themselves in a similar position today;

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has passed with bipartisan support the REINS Act to require that Congress approve major new federal regulations before they can take effect;

WHEREAS, even if enacted, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not require the President's approval and cannot be waived by a future Congress and President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution as follows:

"Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of Congress and to the principal leaders in all state legislative chambers.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this 7th day of April, 2015,

at 12:13 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State