

Resolution on the United States Constitution

Whereas, one former member of the Supreme Court is reported to have advocated the meaning of the Constitution of the United States is whatever five members of the court say, and

Whereas, some members of the Congress scoff at the notion that they are limited in their power to legislate by the Constitution, and

Whereas, the Executive branch of the federal government circumvents the “advice and consent” provision of the Constitution by appointing czars to run various aspects of the bureaucracy out of the White House rather than through departments with cabinet secretaries subject to congressional oversight, and

Whereas, our fellow citizens are permitting our government to be transformed into a social democracy like those in Europe, rather than a federal, constitutional republic,

Be it therefore resolved, that we, the members of the Independent Baptist Fellowship of North America, meeting in Lancaster, PA, June 21-23, 2011, applaud the efforts to awaken in Americans a profound respect for our Constitution because of its effectiveness in providing liberty in an ordered society over millions in fifty states since 1787; and,

That we join our voices to the call for the education of all citizens in the principles for governing, the limitations upon the federal government and the rights of citizens stated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and,

That we seek to understand the wisdom of the founders in the original sources, such as, the Federalist and Anti-Federalist Papers; and,

That we return often to the Declaration of Independence to be reminded that our rights come from God and of the citizens' authority over government in the words, “the consent of the governed;” and,

That we affirm that the Constitution cannot be interpreted apart from the values expressed in the Declaration. “[T]he Declaration is America's articles of incorporation and the Constitution is its bylaws. The Constitution neither abolished nor replaced what the Declaration had established; it only provide the specific details of how American government would operate under the principles set forth in the Declaration” [David Barton, *Original Intent*, page 248].

That we “demand that all public servants, elected or appointed, at all times uphold the Constitution and justify their public acts under the Constitution” [Mark Levin, *Liberty and Tyranny*, page 204]; and,

That we call for a Constitutional amendment whereby Congress can check the power of judicial review by the Supreme Court [Mark Levin, *Men in Black*, page 202; same, *Liberty and Tyranny*, page 200]; and,

That we pray for a moral and spiritual awakening in America that we may govern our own lives in the fear of God. President John Adams proclaimed, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other” [*The Works of John Adams*, Vol. IX, page 229].