

Self-Determination Resolution

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A non-binding concurrent resolution. It commits the state to nothing. It puts the legislature on record affirming that the people have the right to decide their own future. The easiest thing on the ladder to say yes to.

[adapt: use your chamber's resolution designation, e.g. House Concurrent Resolution No. ____]

A Concurrent Resolution

Affirming the right of the people of [STATE] to self-determination and to decide their own political future.

WHEREAS, the [STATE] Constitution provides that all political power is inherent in the people, and that they have at all times the right to alter, reform, or abolish their government in such manner as they may think expedient *[adapt: quote your state's clause verbatim and cite it by article and section; in Texas this is Article 1, Section 2];* and

WHEREAS, self-determination, the right of a people to determine their own political status, is a founding American principle, declared in 1776 to be among the self-evident rights that governments exist to secure; and

WHEREAS, the peaceful, democratic exercise of self-determination through a vote of the people is a settled feature of the modern world, exercised in recent memory by Scotland, by Quebec, and by the United Kingdom, in each case decided at the ballot box; and

WHEREAS, the people of [STATE] are fully capable of deliberating their own future, and that future is a question reserved to them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the [Legislature of STATE] affirms that all political power in [STATE] is inherent in its people; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the [Legislature of STATE] affirms the inherent right of the people of [STATE] to determine their own political future, including the question of independence, peacefully and at the ballot box; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this right belongs to the people of [STATE] and is not contingent on the consent of any other government; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing in this resolution effects any change in the political status of [STATE], which remains a question reserved to the people.

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