

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 270

Whereas, federal identification standards pose a grave threat to the full faith and credit guaranteed to each of the several States in Article IV, Section 1 of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the United States Constitution reserves for the States or people all rights not delegated to the federal government; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not delegate authority to the federal government to create identification standards, nor to condition the full faith and credit owed to a State's acts, records, and proceedings; and

Whereas, identification documents have traditionally and historically been the province of the several States; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act increases the administrative burden on the States, and will result in increased expense for license and identification card applicants, as well as extended waiting and processing times; and

Whereas, history has shown that all governments, even our own, present a hazard of overreach and tyranny; and

Whereas, in 2009, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation, signed by Governor Nixon, expressly forbidding the state from cooperating with the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas, in 2013, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation, signed by Governor Nixon, clearly prohibiting the Department of Revenue from retaining source documents as required by the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas, in 2014, the people of Missouri passed Amendment 9 to ensure their personal privacy is not violated by our government; and

Whereas, the people of Missouri have made it abundantly clear that they value their privacy and refuse to sacrifice it under the guise of security; and

Whereas, implementation of the REAL ID Act will put in place a system that would further enable a surveillance state; and

Whereas, federal identification standards pose a profound threat to the unencumbered exercise of the constitutional rights forming the bedrock of ordered liberty and a free society; and

Whereas, the brave men and women of our armed forces put their lives on the line, and sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice, to defend the very freedom and liberty the REAL ID Act asks our nation to so recklessly abandon:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, hereby urge that the United States Congress repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

Resolution

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