



Special Message

Balanced Federalism ★ State Sovereignty ★ Representative Governance

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We have much to be thankful for and to celebrate about during our 4th of July holiday!

First of all, we encourage you to take a few moments and read the [Declaration of Independence](#)

Also, something to reflect on:

10th Amendment

"The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people."

Article 1, Section 8 -Powers delegated to Congress

Article 1, Section 10 -Powers denied to the States

[The Constitution of the United States: A Transcription | National Archives](#)

We will leave you with a few quotes:

"It is probably a pity that every citizen of each state cannot visit all the others, to see the differences, to learn what we have in common, and come back with a richer, fuller understanding of America - in all its beauty, in all its dignity, in all its strength, in support of moral principles."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States

"The US States are our laboratories of democracy."

In [New State Ice Co. v. Liebman](#), Louis D. Brandeis, US Supreme Court Justice stated that: *"a state may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory; and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country."*

James Kallinger, President
National Association of Former State Legislators

"American federalism means "a proper respect for state functions, a recognition of the fact that the entire country is made up of a Union of separate State governments, and a continuance of the belief that the National Government will

fare best if the States and their institutions are left free to perform their separate functions in their separate ways." - U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black