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1 **Relating to:** congressional explanations of unfunded mandates.

2 Whereas, the 10th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads
3 as follows: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor
4 prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people”;
5 and

6 Whereas, the 10th Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being
7 only those powers that on specifically granted by the Constitution of the United
8 States to the federal government and no more; and

9 Whereas, the imposition of unfunded mandates by the federal government
10 upon a state requires an increase in state taxes or a reduction in state services; and

11 Whereas, such imposition of unfunded mandates conflicts with the spirit of the
12 10th Amendment by inappropriately restricting the latitude of Wisconsin and her
13 sister states to establish their own priorities and policies; and

14 Whereas, the number of unfunded federal mandates imposed upon the states
15 by the government of the United States has increased alarmingly in recent years;
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