

WHEREAS, Home education was the norm during America's founding era;

WHEREAS, Home education in the United States has grown over the past two years by an estimated 50-100%;

WHEREAS, Home educated students on average score 15-30% above their public school peers on nationally standardized tests and typically score above average on the college admission SAT and ACT test;

WHEREAS, Research has shown that home educated students: a) participate in local community service more frequently than the general public, b) vote and attend public meetings more frequently than the general population, c) go to and succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population, d) by adulthood internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a higher rate, and e) are politically more tolerant than others;

WHEREAS, Home education enhances family relationships between children and their parents, and among their siblings, creating stable family units that contribute to flourishing local communities;

WHEREAS, Loving parents are more than capable of educating their children and acting in the best interest of their child;

WHEREAS, Home educating families from diverse economic, ethnic, and family situations continue to thrive;

WHEREAS, Parents, not the state, have the high duty and ultimate responsibility to educate their children;

WHEREAS, What the government funds, the government controls;

WHEREAS, Homeschool families pay taxes towards an education system they do not use but willingly sacrifice for the good of all;

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson said, "A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have;"

WHEREAS, Tax credits do not endanger the freedoms of home educators to design an academic and spiritual program that meets the needs of their children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

We support the right of parents to home educate their children without government control and oppose all forms of government funding that will endanger that freedom.