

CONTINENTAL CONGRESS 2009:

TO BE CONVENED TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR AND STRONG RECORD BY THE FREE PEOPLE OF AMERICA IN SUPPORT AND DEFENSE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AS GIVEN BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS AND AS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE GOVERNING AND RULING LAW OF OUR LAND.

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On September 12, 2009, The People of America, in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia, will be invited to choose representative delegates in the first true Constitutionally-correct election held in America since machines began to count votes in secret. The purpose of this election is to secure three upstanding citizens from each state with a proven passion for the Constitution, in order to convene a national assembly of The People on November 9, 2009 -- a modern-day Continental Congress.

On what basis can such an undertaking be necessary or even effective?

Since readers of this article may be inclined to jump to conclusions based on uncanny parallels that exist between the events of our day and those that inspired our Founding Fathers to convene in 1774, let us first say what Continental Congress 2009 is not:

CC2009 is convened on the directives clearly stated in our governing documents. This is no attempt to take over our government, but rather a gigantic effort to present the collective deliberations and voices of The People among us who know their Rights and Desire Freedom for generations to come, who can speak loudly enough to awaken and change the course of events which threaten to destroy our Nation now.

CC2009 is not about changing our Constitution. To the contrary, it will be an impassioned plea for our citizens to awaken from our nightmarish detour, that we might return to course, that the existing Constitution might no longer be ignored or abused, but truly fulfilled. The facts put before viewers will show we are in dire straits without It and we will suffer greatly until we return our obedience to It.

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CC2009 has no underlying agenda, no secret or devious plan to take over a government or spawn a revolution that breeds violence or further decay. In many ways, this Congress will provide a constructive channel through which increasingly angry and frustrated energies of our citizens can be focused towards a True Solution.

The energy back of CC2009 is simply the **absolute knowing** that things cannot continue as they are without a determined, effective, meaningful, peaceful attempt to reverse them. We are, after all, descendents of those for whom complacency or hopelessness was not an option.

The combined energies of those who attend, coming from every state in brotherhood and good will, will showcase the facts of the hour and make earnest appeals for America to remain True to its Founding Principles via worldwide broadcast.

What will happen at Continental Congress 2009

With grave concern for the future of the Nation and a strong desire to restore Constitutional obedience throughout the Land, delegates will review and discuss the changing face of our people and our government over many years. These changes have resulted in escalating abuses and violations of the Constitution, established to be the sole and governing law of the land.

Similar to CC 1774, Attendees will review a long list of issues which are now impacting America with a view to considering the constitutionality of actions taken by elected officials across all branches of government. The facts will show there have been numerous major decisions and actions taken on behalf of The People which have no authority through the Constitution.

The American people are paying dearly for these decisions and for their own complacency to recognize and prevent them before they took place. And even more so now.

How did we get to this place?

CC2009 will record for posterity, numerous Petitions for Redress, substantial legal documents which have been humbly filed with the government by The People since 1995, in an attempt to identify, isolate and reverse these escalating violations before they could produce destructive effects on the fabric of the Nation. Claiming their Right under the Capstone Right of the First Amendment to file these Petitions, these brave freedom keepers have made substantial earnest effort, with no viable response from the government. This has been interpreted as blatant disregard for America's Charter – The Declaration of Independence. This document, which many Americans

hold in reverence as the guiding philosophy for Free Men in America (and the world), defines governmental responsibility to The People under the essential principles of Popular Sovereignty, governmental accountability and submission.

The convening of a Continental Congress in 2009, with uncanny parallels to the one held in 1774, will provide a crucial opportunity to lay before the Nation and the world, an intricate and detailed focus on a Document that is fully capable of restoring the Republic, if only obeyed. Indeed, attendees will grapple with the knowledge that disobedience to these, the greatest governing documents given to mankind, are in fact, the actual cause of our rapidly increasing national instability, the erosion and pauperization of the fabric of our society and the increasing distress of our citizens.

Though the outcome of Continental Congress 2009 is not known nor can it be predetermined, it is hoped that attendees, through intensive deliberations, come to recommend specific actions the Free People of America can undertake to non-violently and legally reverse Constitutional disobedience, believing that the cause of our national distress will thereby eventually cease and be righted, the rudder back in place, the ship set on its intended course.

Understanding the Sheer Brilliance and Magnificence of Our Constitution - what better time for The People of America to Take a Stand

While the People are Free, by the design of Providence, to pursue their own unique Natures - provided the absence of harm to others - our elected and appointed government officials, by the Rule of Law, are permitted only to perform those actions expressly authorized by The People. Delegates attending Continental Congress will represent those people in America who believe that any government act is unlawful if it is not written in The Constitution, this being the essence of the "Rule of Law."

The Constitution is designed to govern *the government* – not the People. This document, along with the People's determination to uphold its principles, is all that stands between the People and total tyranny and despotism.

The Constitution gave birth to a central government strong enough to suppress mayhem, insure the defense of the Republic and secure individual Rights by entrusting elected and appointed officials with specific, *limited* and expressly enumerated powers. Without strict adherence to and enforcement of those limitations, there can be no practical limit or boundary erected to control the acts or reach of government – or hold it accountable. This is precisely the position our failing Republic finds itself in today.

Most importantly, the Constitution provided safeguards, some little-known or understood in these contemporary times, intended to prevent any central government from diminishing the unalienable gifts of Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness that are the essence - the *raison d'être* –the ultimate realization which brought the Declaration of Independence and the Revolution of 1776.

The Constitution imposes dozens of express prohibitions, restrictions and mandates on those who are permitted to wield governmental power on behalf of the People in any of the three branches of the central government. In fact, it is these conditions and legal shackles upon the exercise of power that guarantee the individual's Right to hold officials accountable should they violate any of those instructions.

The First Article of the Bill of Rights is arguably the greatest sentence of these amazing documents, as it guarantees the natural Right of individuals to not only think and act freely, but to hold the government directly accountable to the entire Constitution and all of its prohibitions, restrictions and mandates.

“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the Right of the People peaceably to assemble, and to Petition the government for a redress of grievances.” *Bill of Rights, First Amendment, Constitution of the United States of America.*

It is the last ten words of the First Amendment – i.e., the accountability clause – that embodies the essence of the Individual Right, possessed by each and every person to hold their government servants accountable. Therein lies but a glimpse of the true nature of Popular Sovereignty and the Right to Petition: If the People have evidence establishing that government has stepped outside the boundaries drawn around its authority, the People can bring such offense to the attention of the government and make a claim for immediate redress. Further, if we were to follow the directives given through these Documents, we are given the ability, if necessary, to even retain our money, our support, until our grievances are, in fact, redressed.

There is nothing in American history and Jurisprudence that can be cited by any government lawyer or official that contradicts this interpretation so crucial to the essence of the Continental Congress 2009 initiative. See the companion article, *“THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS: CONVENE AS A RESULT OF GOVERNMENT’S VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW AND ITS REFUSAL TO LISTEN AND RESPOND TO PETITIONS FOR REDRESS.”*

Claiming True Citizenship in America – Freedom Keepers for The Constitution - - The Petitions for Redress

Since 1995, the **We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education, Inc.**, and its predecessor organization, with the support of tens of thousands of Americans, has scrutinized the behavior of officials in the central government, comparing that behavior with the requirements of the Constitution and petitioning the three branches of the central government for redress of numerous violations.

The Petitions for Redress are not political statements – they are legal Notices regarding unlawful acts. Viewed together, they are an instant opportunity for Americans to see that the “issues or crises of the day” all have a common thread as violations of the Constitution and the Principles contained therein. Were our people re-dedicated to the simple, earnest task of ensuring the Constitution was upheld at all times, our Nation would be raised instantly above parties, politics, personalities, special interests and the rest. The focus would be on fulfilling the Constitution which was established to take us through any situation in advance of civilization, if only we would give obedience to It:

- **PETITION 1 (1995):** Petitioned the Judicial Branch for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Bailout of the Mexican Peso by the President Without Authority and in violation of the Money Clauses.
- **PETITION 2 (1999):** Petitioned the Judicial Branch for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Bombing of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia Without a Congressional Declaration of War
- **PETITION 3 (July 1999):** Petitioned the leaders of the Legislative and Executive Branches for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Imposition of a Direct Un-Appportioned Tax on Labor in violation of the Tax Clauses
- **PETITION 4 (April 2000):** Petitioned the leaders of the Legislative and Executive Branches for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Imposition of a Direct Un-Appportioned Tax on Labor in violation of the Tax Clauses
- **PETITION 5 (July 2001):** Petitioned the leaders of the Legislative and Executive Branches for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Imposition of a Direct Un-Appportioned Tax on Labor in Violation of the Tax Clauses
- **PETITION 6 (Nov 2002):** Petitioned each and every member of Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Invasion of Iraq Without a Congressional Declaration of War in Violation of the War Powers Clause
- **PETITION 7 (Nov 2002):** Petitioned each and every member of Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the adoption of the USA Patriot Act and the “War on Terrorism” in Violation of the Privacy Clauses

- **PETITION 8 (Nov 2002):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the operation of the Federal Reserve System and its Violation of the Money Clauses
- **PETITION 9 (Nov 2002):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Imposition of a Direct Un-Apportioned Tax on Labor in Violation of the Tax Clauses
- **PETITION 10 (March 2003):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Practice of Forcing Private Corporations to Withhold, and Turn Over to the Government, Pay Earned by their Workers in Violation of the Tax Clauses
- **PETITION 11 (July 2004):** Petitioned the Judicial Branch for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Refusal of members of Congress and the President to Respond to Petitions for Redress in Violation of the Accountability Clause of the 1st Amendment
- **PETITION 12 (2007):** Petitioned the Judiciary for Redress of Grievances Relating to Government's Growing Practice of Counting Votes in Secret in Violation of the Election Clauses
- **PETITION 13 (June 2008):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the Imposition of Federal Gun Control in Violation of the Second Amendment
- **PETITION 14 (June 2008):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Regarding the Development of a North American Union Without Constitutional Authority
- **PETITION 15 (June 2008):** Petitioned each and every member of the Congress and the President for Redress of Grievances Relating to the failure of the President to enforce the Immigration Laws in Violation of the Faithfully Execute Clause of Article II
- **PETITION 16 (September 2008):** Petitioned the Judicial Branch for Redress of Grievances Relating to the \$85 Billion bailout of AIG Without Constitutional Authority
- **PETITION 17 (September 2008):** Petitioned the Judicial Branch for Redress of Grievances Relating to the \$700 Billion Bailout of Private Corporations Without Constitutional Authority
- **PETITION 18 (December 2008):** Petitioned Mr. Obama for Redress of Grievances Relating to his election to the Office of President in Violation of the Natural Born Citizen Clause

Each of these Petitions include facts and evidence of a violation of a particular prohibition, restriction or mandate of the Constitution. Each addresses a deliberate violation of the fundamental Rights of the People that has resulted in an adverse consequence on the quality of life of the nation and the individual family unit.

It is important to note that while the People are entitled to their argument that the Government has violated a certain provision of the Constitution, the People are not *entitled* to their version of the facts. Under principles of U.S. law, the Government has an unambiguous obligation to refute the facts and offer its own version of the facts. However, in each and every case to date, the U.S. Government has steadfastly refused to respond to any of the Petitions for Redress, refusing to justify its behavior, refusing to be held accountable.

The text of each of these Petitions, the events surrounding their service and the subsequent response can be found at www.WeThePeopleFoundation.org.

Jurisprudence and Next Steps

It is well settled in American Jurisprudence that when one is under a legal duty to speak and fails to do so, such silence equates to admission. With no legitimate response from the government to the Petitions, along with continuing and escalating violations of our Founding Documents, each with its devastating effects on the framework of our Great Nation, are these silent come backs meant to compel us into hopeless submission?

The question then becomes, what is the appropriate next step for the Free People of America to take in defense of the Constitution and in the interest of preserving, protecting and enhancing individual Liberty?

Let us remember, the cause of America is still the cause of the world. The lamp of Liberty was lit here, nowhere else. More importantly, if that flame be extinguished, to whom does the Torch pass? The end of Liberty in America is the end of Liberty for the planet. Is it possible this is exactly what some within and beyond our borders have in mind for our future? It is difficult not to wonder, with all that is taking place.

Ironically, we find ourselves in the exact same position as the Founding Fathers found themselves in 1774. Like them, our Rights and fundamental law are being violated by our Government. Like them, we have Petitioned the government for Redress of these grievances. Like them, our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. And like our Founders in 1774, meeting as the First Continental Congress, we seek Redress, not revolution.

A Practical Plan for Constitutional Order: Continental Congress 2009

First, it is essential to note that our crisis will not, and cannot be solved through the electoral process or depend on the will of any majority (judges included) for the defense of our Individual Rights. This might be a shocking statement to many, but worthy of reflection until full understanding is reached. Ours is a Republic, not a democracy. Our enemies are far more entrenched than any party of donkeys or elephants.

Continental Congress 2009 is a bold plan to address our Constitutional Crisis. It comes, in fact, right from our Founder's "playbook."

While embracing the education of the nation, the heart of the CC2009 plan is that it empowers the People to take personal, practical and *peaceful lawful* action in defense of the Constitution.

In 1774, the founders decided they needed to assemble to discuss and address the tyrannical acts of their day. They decided to send several of their own from each of the colonies to meet to discuss the violations of their fundamental Rights by their government and secure consensus as to what they might be able to do within the law to peacefully bring their government back under control.

We must do no less.

Continental Congress 2009 is such a plan.

The Vision

Under the CC2009 Plan, three people of upstanding character with a proven passion for the Constitution will be chosen by the People of each state and the District of Columbia to represent them as Delegates to a national assembly, one hundred and fifty-three in all. Under the plan, the delegates will be chosen on September 12, 2009 and will assemble on November 9, 2009.

Under the CC2009 plan, stenographers will prepare a written transcript of all the Delegate proceedings, including all deliberations, discussions and debates. The entire proceedings will also be videotaped and webcast live on the Internet.

Under the CC2009 plan, the delegates will discuss the history, meaning and effect of key prohibitions, restrictions and mandates of the Constitution. With facts and no opinions, the delegates will discuss and establish a final Record for the consideration of the People of America documenting the violations of the Constitution the People

have endured, the People's repeated efforts over many years to Petition for Redress of Grievances, and the glaring fact of our Government's unqualified failure to respond, except with silence and escalating injury.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the Delegates will discuss and settle upon a practical course of action the Free People of this nation can take to restore Constitutional Order and secure Liberty for this generation and those that may come.

The importance of CC 2009 cannot be understated. Our Republic is in crisis, our Constitution hangs by a thread. We the People, and the Principles of Liberty, Justice and limited government we share, have been abandoned by our elected representatives in favor of political expediency, financial interest and unadulterated lust of power.

The Constitution cannot defend itself. The government is not going to defend it. Neither will corporate America, our political parties, the titans of global finance or the dominant media.

Without the Will of The People to Now Express, What be the Fate of America?

America stands at a crossroad. Unless the People act quickly and decisively, the Constitution and Liberty itself, may be lost forever. Given the pace of unfolding global events and the rapidly escalating attacks upon our Freedom, Continental Congress 2009 may well be the last opportunity the People have to peacefully restore the Light of Liberty to our land.

In acknowledgment of the Divine intent of our Creator and in remembrance of those who have come before us to stand in defense of our Founding Documents and the Principles they embody, it is time to commit ourselves anew, and come together to defend Lady Liberty. By the hand of Providence, the responsibility is now, unfortunately ours alone.

Continental Congress 2009 is our Plan.

Please join us:

- Volunteer in your state.
- Nominate a Delegate.
- Become a Delegate.
- Vote for a Delegate.
- Educate your community.
- Love your Nation, your Constitution and your fellow citizens.
- Help us pay for CC2009 through donations.

For more information about the CC2009 initiative, the WTP Foundation and WTP Congress, please visit our website at: www.GiveMeLiberty.org

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness -- That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.”

Declaration of Independence, (July 4th 1776)