SPEECH BY BOB SCHULZ AT STATE SOVEREIGNTY RALLY ALBANY, NY AUGUST 7, 2010

Good afternoon.

I have here a copy of the United States Constitution **and** a copy of the New York Constitution.

The FEDERAL CONSTITUTION is hanging by a thread.

Do you know enough about the **FEDERAL CONSTITUTION** to envision what America would be like if we followed it? Think on this:

After a transition period to restore it and ensure it is obeyed:

We would **no longer** be **meddling in the internal affairs of other countries**, causing hostilities to be directed at us. We would be neutral in our alliances; trading with all; conducting ourselves with honor and dignity.

There would be **no undeclared wars** abroad and **no war on terror at home**.

Our government would **not bail out any private company or foreign Nation** with public funds.

All unconstitutional debts would be null and void.

Gold and silver would be the standard for our currency. There would be no inflation.

We would have full employment.

We would all have the Right to **keep and bear arms** and each state would have a **well-regulated**, **trained and disciplined militia**.

There would be **no direct**, **un-apportioned tax on an individual's labor**.

Our Rights to privacy would be honored.

Our immigration laws would be enforced.

We would **never entertain the idea of** a President with the potential of dual loyalties because **his father was a citizen of a foreign country**.

We would **not** enter into any contracts, treaties or alliances that would **compromise the Sovereignty of America**.

We would **not** permit our **votes to be counted in secret** which is what happens when machines count them.

Most importantly, the People would be able to hold the government accountable to the Constitution: Government officials **would** listen and respond to our First Amendment **Petitions for Redress of Grievances** regarding any violations of the Constitution before they could injure our Nation, our economy or our people.

Life as we know it now would surely be different.

(pause)

Unbeknownst to most Americans, citizen elections were held last October in each State of the Union. 116 men and women, people like you and I, were elected as delegates to Continental Congress 2009.

In November, for eleven consecutive days and nights, they met at the Pheasant Run Conference Center in St. Charles, Illinois. They set aside their lives because of their concern about what was happening to America, to discuss violations of the federal Constitution and recommend a course of action for the Free People.

I have here a copy of the "Articles of Freedom, the works of the Continental Congress 2009."

The Articles address each of fourteen violations and include instructions to the federal government **and** to the state governments, designed to peaceably restore the Constitution.

ARTICLE 1 seeks to stop the unconstitutional erosion of our **SOVEREIGNTY**

- BOTH CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to reaffirm the fundamental principles of popular, State and National Sovereignty; to withdraw all agreements with any person, organization or country that diminish our Free-Standing Republic.
- CONGRESS is instructed to repeal laws contrary to its enumerated powers.

ARTICLE 2 seeks to stop the passage of UN-CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS

Both CONGRESS and the STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to establish Committees to review each bill to ensure its constitutionality; think how much of our hardships today could have been saved by a simple step such as this;

ARTICLE 3 seeks to stop the unconstitutional refusal of all branches of our Government to respond to FIRST AMENDMENT **PETITIONS FOR REDRESS** of Grievances.

- CONGRESS is instructed to ensure compliance with the constitutional requirement that **all** public officials must hear and respond to First Amendment Petitions which seek to hold those officials accountable to the Constitution; and to remove judges who now repeatedly dismiss such Petitions for **lack of standing**.
- STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to refuse federal funding until the federal instructions are complied with.

ARTICLE 4 seeks to restore constitutional homeland security: wellregulated **STATE MILITIAS** and the Right of every citizen to **KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**.

- CONGRESS is instructed to abolish the Department of Homeland Security,
- BOTH CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to make statutes for organizing, arming, disciplining and **returning** responsibility for domestic security to State Militias; and repeal statutes that tax, register and regulate firearms and ammunition.

ARTICLE 5 seeks to STOP the unconstitutional invasion of Personal **Privacy**:

- CONGRESS is instructed to prohibit the collection of information about our citizens of a non-criminal nature and to repeal statutes that are repugnant to the Constitution. These include the U.S.A. Patriot Act, and those that call for the collection of fingerprints, blood or DNA upon birth.
- STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to retract Fusion Center Intel Reports not properly cited and sourced, reject the Patriot Act, repeal statutes that authorize red-light cameras and other devices that secretly gather information, and destroy biometric data not related to a felony investigation.

ARTICLE 6 seeks to STOP the unconstitutional taking of private **PROPERTY**.

CONGRESS is instructed to nullify laws relating to the confiscation of private property for private use and to deny funds to any State that fails to do the same.

STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to make statutes that prohibit the confiscation of private property for private use, and to make statutes that prohibit local government from taxing private, non-commercial real property.

ARTICLE 7 seeks to STOP the unconstitutional use of **Juries**.

BOTH CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to require judges to apprise plaintiffs and defendants of their right to a Seventh Amendment common law jury, to apprise jurors of their right to jury nullification; and of the judge's conflict of interest in cases where the Government is a party.

BOTH CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to provide for trials based on presentments by citizens' common law grand juries AND to ensure all legal arguments are heard in front of the jury.

ARTICLE 8 seeks to STOP unconstitutional direct, unapportioned taxes on labor, otherwise known as the INCOME TAX

CONGRESS is instructed to nullify the 16th Amendment which was fraudulently ratified, repeal Subtitles A and C of the Internal Revenue Code and end the withholding and collection of direct, un-apportioned taxes on labor.

- Most important, they are instructed to release and restore fine citizens who have stood up for the Truth and have been wrongfully imprisoned or fined.
- THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to repeal state income tax laws that are rooted in Subtitles A and C of the federal Internal Revenue Code and to protect citizens against unconstitutional seizures by the federal government.

ARTICLE 9 seeks to reverse our unconstitutional **FOREIGN POLICY**, particularly the meddling and taking of sides in the internal affairs of foreign counties, which cause their citizens to direct their hostilities towards the United States, resulting in a domestic War on Terror and a Police state, all in violation of the General Welfare clause of the Preamble for the Constitution.

- CONGRESS is instructed to discontinue foreign aid not necessary for the defense against invasion of the United States and to discontinue treaties that violate the War Powers and General Welfare clauses.
- THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to resolve to support the Instructions to CONGRESS.

ARTICLE 10 seeks to STOP our unconstitutional, fiat, debtbased **MONEY** arrangement.

CONGRESS AND THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to adopt, as rapidly as possible, an economically sound and Constitutional alternative and competitive currency consisting of gold and silver coin. **ARTICLE 11** seeks to give relief and remedy to America on the issue of unconstitutional **PUBLIC DEBT**:

- CONGRESS is instructed to cancel all debt incurred unconstitutionally, whether by Bills of Credit issued under the auspices of the Federal Reserve System, or for programs, activities or expenditures not authorized under Article I, Section 8, rendering it null and void; and to transfer all Federal Reserve Assets to the Treasury Department, converting them to gold and silver.
- CONGRESS is also instructed to repeal legal tender laws, preclude interference with any private medium of exchange and repeal the Federal Reserve Act.
- THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to reassert their right to act autonomously, refuse to accept federal scrip and refuse to give the federal government any funds that could be used for unconstitutional activities.
- STATE LEGISLATURES are also instructed to cancel all state debt incurred in violation of their state constitutions, whether by back-door bonds issued under the auspices of public authorities, or for unauthorized programs, activities or expenditures.

ARTICLE 12 seeks to STOP the use of our armed forces for unconstitutional purposes in hostilities overseas without a congressional declaration of **WAR**.

CONGRESS is instructed to require the withdrawal of all our troops from countries throughout the world, limit America's military action to the common defense, repeal all acts pertaining to the delegation of congressional war powers to the President, and return jurisdiction of National Guard troops to their states.

- A President who refuses to comply would face impeachment.
- THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to recall their National Guards, refuse to commit any equipment or militia that may result in injury or death without a lawful congressional declaration of war, protest military action by the President in any form without congressional declaration of war, instruct U.S. Congressmen to reclaim their exclusive constitutional power to declare war.

ARTICLE 13 seeks to remedy the lack of administrative and congressional procedures to verify the **ELIGIBILITY** of Presidential candidates.

- CONGRESS is instructed to hold a public hearing on the meaning of the Natural Born Citizen Clause, and the constitutional eligibility of the current President, and establish procedures to verify the eligibility of future candidates for the highest Office in our Land.
- STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to make statutes requiring the verification and public dissemination of the eligibility of candidates for the Office of President of the United States, as a condition of being placed on any State primary or general election ballot.

ARTICLE 14 addresses unconstitutional and illegal Immigration.

CONGRESS is instructed to ensure the President faithfully executes all the immigration laws as required by Article 2, and to impeach any President who fails to honor his Oath of Office in this regard.

THE STATE LEGISLATURES are instructed to ensure the Governors faithfully execute state and federal immigration laws, and to impeach Governors who fail to honor their Oaths of Office in this regard.

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On April 19 of this year, the Articles of Freedom were served on all, or nearly all members of Congress, Governors and leaders of each State Legislature.

Thus far, there have been discussions in a few states, but no tangible action or change.

I started out giving you a picture of what it would be like if we were to obey our Constitution. For many of you this vision may seem impossible to achieve given what is taking place in America now. It is Not. This document, the Articles of Freedom, the work of freedom loving people like you and me, gives specific instructions to Congress and the States to show us the way back. I say to you today, ACTA NON VERBA.

WE ARE AT THE TIME NOW, MY FRIENDS, WHERE WE NEED DEEDS NOT WORDS to bring about change.

If We the People can come together peacefully, legally and with constitutional authority, in a critical mass, what I have called Operation People Power will succeed where individuals and small groups cannot. This requires EFFECTIVE organization and communications.

In NYS we have an opportunity like never before for all of the liberty and freedom groups and organizations to come together and take action. Without a concerted effort HERE, we know the government of this state is destined for full collapse. It has already lost the trust and support of our People.

OPERATION PEOPLE POWER, via the efforts of We the People Foundation and our citizen action arm, WE THE PEOPLE CONGRESS, will coordinate 16 regional meetings across New York State beginning on October 2 and ending on November 20 to see if a critical mass can be created here.

We will be reaching out to you.

STEP UP and let us put the power back where it belongs, into the hands of WE THE PEOPLE.

Thank you.