

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REFORM OF THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Alabama is a mammoth document that is twelve-times the length of most state constitutions and contains more than 700 amendments, and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Constitution prevents self government through denying citizens and their communities the power of homerule, and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Constitution creates political and legal structures that work to the benefit of the wealthy at the expense of the general public, and

**WHEREAS**, this document provides an antiquated foundation for economic progress for the State of Alabama in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and

**WHEREAS**, *reform* of the Alabama Constitution will provide the foundation for tax reform that is essential for solving the recurring financial crisis in K through 12 and higher education,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama expresses its strongest support for reform of the Alabama Constitution and for tax reform, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama applauds Governor Siegelman for his recent favorable position toward Constitutional reform and encourages the Governor and the Alabama Legislature to rally all of their political support, talent, and ingenuity to see that Constitutional reform becomes a reality in the State of Alabama.

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