

Dear *We The People*

SOVEREIGN CITIZENS IN A REPUBLIC — THE ULTIMATE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT

This is the second in a series of messages by New York's Tyranny Response Team. The first message, which appeared on September 5th, was designed to introduce you to the Tyranny Response Team and its goal of bringing local and state government back under the control of the law and the people's constitution. We expect to establish an institute headquartered in Albany with field offices located in each county, with staff attorneys and support personnel, for the purpose of informing the people about governmental wrongdoing, especially at the state and local levels, and for the purpose of educating our elected officials about the prohibitions and restrictions of the law, including the ultimate rule books — the state and federal constitutions.

We believe a well-informed citizenry is essential to the most effective operation of our constitutional republic at all levels — local, state and federal. We believe that in addition to the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government, other components must be considered essential to our system of governance — the print and broadcast media and, of course, the people themselves.

We believe that good citizenship requires that people know about the behavior of their government and assess that behavior in comparison to what it should be. One of the most crucial assessments for people to make concerns whether governmental behavior falls outside of the constitutional and legal constraints that are at its foundation. The government is bound to follow the rules, the same as ordinary citizens are, and it is ultimately the people's role and duty to see to it that government does, indeed, follow the rules. Remember, the rule book (the state constitution) cannot defend itself — that task is ours. The constitution is full of dynamic principles which must be remembered and applied by persons.

It is therefore essential that citizens be acquainted with their state and federal constitutions, in order to know whether government is abiding by them properly. It is also essential that citizens have open access to information and analysis about governmental behavior.

There are a number of very serious and important issues ongoing in the region served by the Post-Star — issues about which the people need to be fully informed. The Foundation has found it necessary to purchase advertising space in the newspaper to publish information about some of these issues: the fraudulent act by high level governmental officials which triggered the Hudson Falls Trash Plant disaster; the most serious and unforgivable abuse of governmental power behind the giveaway of Fuller Road; the illegal acts (including action by a sitting judge with appeals power) designed to connect Lake George to the Hudson River for the benefit of commercial excesses, but at the expense of the law, the interests of the people and the preservation of the environment; and, the widespread, unconstitutional and out of control use of public money in aid of private undertakings.

Future messages by us to you on this page will deal with the details of these issues.

New York's Tyranny Response Team: Some Local Members.



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Our nation is a constitutional republic, and so is each of the fifty states. Each state is to have a government "republican" in form and substance, guaranteed by Article 4 Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution ("The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government").

Essential to our republic is that the people shall be sovereign. This means that ultimate power and authority repose in the people, that government derives its power from the consent of the people, that the government's authority is limited by constitutional constraints placed upon it by the people. In New York State, every word of our state constitution has been voted on and approved by the people. To put it in a nutshell, in a republic, power flows from the people, not from the government — period.

Also essential to our republic is that there be a strict separation of the powers of the co-equal and independent judicial, legislative and executive branches of the government.

The primary role of the judiciary, for instance, is to see that the other two branches (the "political" branches) do not adventure beyond their assigned powers. One of the formal definitions of tyranny is when two or more of the branches cooperate in a collective decision that denies people of their natural, inalienable and constitutional rights, freedoms and liberties.

What we have to say in this and next Tuesday's full-page message may make more sense if the reader keeps these principles in mind.

Our discussion of the local examples of governmental wrongdoing (tyranny) will also be facilitated if you can refer to the New York State Constitution. You can obtain a copy free of charge by calling us (518-656-3578) or by sending us an e-mail (acta@capital.net). Unfortunately, you will probably not find a copy in your school or town libraries. Approximately 90% of the children of this state are receiving their formal educations in government schools and the government has apparently decided that it is not in its best interest to teach the children that in our society the people have the ultimate power, and that they have a developing responsibility as they go through their lives to know what their rights are, to pay attention to what local and state government is doing, to compare government's behavior to the requirements of the state constitution and to respond to governmental wrongdoing (tyranny) wherever they find it.

It is a sad fact that a study of the meaning, effect and significance of the provisions of the New York State constitution is simply not a part of the curriculum of our educational system. That this failure is subversive of the power of the people and their constitution is readily apparent. Jefferson said it best: "When the people fear the government, the people have tyranny. When the government fears the people, they have liberty."

We urge you again to ponder our message and determine how it applies to you. If you would like to help, please fill out the "Personal Commitment" form and send it to us at 2458 Ridge Road, Queensbury, New York 12804.

Thank You.

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PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK'S TYRANNY RESPONSE TEAM

I, _____, in view of my interest in constitutional government carried out in decency and good order, and in protecting, preserving and enhancing my individual liberty, rights and freedoms, especially as expressed in the New York State Constitution, declare and make my personal commitment as follows:

I am at least 18 years of age.

It is my understanding that the Foundation intends to establish an Institute headquartered in Albany with field offices located in counties throughout the state, and with staff attorneys and support personnel, for the purpose of educating government officials and the general public about the meaning, effect and significance of each provision of the New York and U.S. Constitutions and the Declaration of Independence.

It is my understanding that the Foundation is in the process of developing a statewide "Tyranny Response Team," to be comprised of ordinary, non-aligned citizen taxpayers by the thousands to fund the Institute and its programs.

I desire and intend to be counted as a member of that "Tyranny Response Team."

I hereby pledge to send the Foundation \$ _____ on the 1st of every month, for three years.

If, for any reason, I am unable to fulfill this obligation, I will simply notify the Foundation as soon as possible and my membership will not be affected.

It is my understanding that any contribution I make to the Foundation will be deductible from federal and state income taxes.

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