



Constitutional County Movement



Freedom-loving, conservative, and traditional Americans who reside in the State of New York frequently have their voices silenced and their rights infringed by the looming Goliath we know as Albany and the powerful elite bureaucracy upon which she is built. But We the People are here. We have a story, and we are pursuing a mission, for we are dedicated to passing the torch of liberty, private property, due process, and truth about our heritage to our children. We recognize that local government and county sheriff departments are essential. We seek to engage our school boards, town governments, county governments, and sheriff's departments in conversations about how to protect the liberties of our local communities from those who seem intent on seeing us as subjects rather than citizens.

We know the journey is long and the day is short. But, we rise with peaceful and principled opposition against tyranny and we push back because it is the right thing to do. We know that our hope is in the LORD, the Creator of Heaven and Earth and the Author of Liberty. And so we press on, privileged to participate on the right side of the unfolding of history.

We welcome other citizens to join us. Your story will look different. But the goal will be the same: the preservation of the green grass and the blue skies of liberty.



The Constitutional County Movement: A Presentation for Citizens

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What is the Constitutional County Movement?

This movement is dedicated to the idea that local government matters. It is an acknowledgement that local control has faded and is near vanishing. We understand that this is, to a great extent, the result of the bondage to state and federal funding.

The Constitutional County movement is the idea that local control should again blossom and power should be returned to local governments and the People.



What is the First Step?

A “Constitutional County Resolution” is the first step.

The resolution - while mostly symbolic - is an expression of the ideals we value.

Words matter. Symbols matter. The expression of our highest ideals of civil liberties and limited government is unifying and motivating.

The resolution sets the tone.



How do we pursue a Constitutional County Resolution in our county?

STEP 1: Educate yourself...

Familiarize yourself with the concept of "Constitutional County" by reviewing the websites, videos, documents found on website

www.goconstitutional.weebly.com

STEP 2: Organize...

A leader or leaders need to be identified to head up the movement.

Develop a method of communication - email list, group text, etc. in which alerts and reminders can be shared. Develop a system for adding new people to the communication lists.



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STEP 3: Initiate contact with county legislators (or board of supervisors).

The purpose of this initial contact is to assess the interest of the legislators. Craft an email to send to all the county legislators sharing your vision for establishing your county as a Constitutional County. Ask them if they would be willing to consider a resolution.

STEP 4: Gather signatures. A petition template is available on www.goconstitutional.weebly.com. Use the petition as a tool to talk to others about the idea of Constitutional County and to start networking and building a base of support.



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STEP 5: Continually evaluate the interest and courage of your county legislators. If some of the legislators respond to your initial email with interest, begin a dialogue with them. If you do not hear back from any or if they contact you but seem reluctant to embrace the idea of Constitutional County, rally the members of your email contact list and other interested parties to respectfully email and call the legislators with the simple message: "We are interested in having a resolution drafted and passed in our county stating that we are a Constitutional County."



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STEP 6: Request "Privilege of the Floor".

"Privilege of the floor" means that you are given the opportunity to address the legislators formally during one of their legislative sessions. County legislatures will have specific procedures to follow, thus you have to request and be granted "privilege of the floor." Check out the website of your county government. Call or email to find out the procedure and to express your desire to be granted the privilege. Find out if there is a time limit. Be prepared to explain why you are seeking privilege of the floor.

See the powerpoint available on www.goconstitutional.weebly.com



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STEP 7: Addressing the legislators during privilege of the floor...

Have a well prepared message to share. Bring supporters with you. Make sure the supporters are enthusiastic, respectful, and peaceful. At this point, you can also deliver the signatures you have collected on the petition

A sample message and a powerpoint developed for legislators is available on www.goconstitutional.weebly.com



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STEP 8: Follow up, follow up, follow up... Continue contacting legislators (and ask your email contact list to do the same) regarding the resolution. If necessary, draft a sample resolution and provide it to the legislators (there is a sample resolution found on www.goconstitutiona.weebly.com). Ultimately, the resolution passed needs to be drafted by them, but if you provide one they could use and build on, it may encourage them to move it forward.

NOTE: If your county legislators (or board of supervisors) is unwilling to consider a resolution or if they are unable to pass one because there is not enough legislative support, this is an indication that you need to vote them out and get brave, Constitutionally-minded men and women in those seats. DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME if you don't think you can change the minds of your legislators. Instead, concentrate your efforts on identifying WHO NEEDS TO BE VOTED OUT and SEEK PEOPLE TO RUN FOR THEIR POSITION!



What does a Constitutional County Resolution - if passed - mean?

Once the resolution is passed... The resolution will be mostly symbolic at first. And that is ok. Symbolism matters. The step to take once this symbolic piece of local legislation is in place is to make it useful. As issues arise, refer back to the resolution. If unconstitutional mandates come down from the State or Washington, ask your legislators to consider the concept of nullification (i.e. refusing to enforce the mandate) based on the spirit and the letter of the resolution. At this point, it will be very important to be intentional. Pursue issues that are specific and of a doable scope and size. We are building a foundation one stone at a time.



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It is a first step, not the last one, in a long walk back to the liberties we inherited as American citizens. Thus, in many ways the answer to this important question lies with us, the People. Will “We the People” do our part in participating in the process? Will we stay informed and speak up to express to our county legislators the need to take the resolution to the next level: nullification of mandates that are unconstitutional and that fail to pass the “strict scrutiny” test required when liberties are infringed? Will we – with peaceful integrity and thoughtfulness – be courageous enough to refuse to comply with mandates that assault the boundaries of Constitutional restraint of governmental authority? Whether this resolution remains symbolic or becomes consequential depends on the grit and perseverance of the Citizens and the courage and political will of the Legislators whom they have elected.



What are the next steps after a Constitutional County Resolution is passed in my county?

What are the next steps? It will look different for different counties. But in all cases, each county which has committed itself to Constitutional integrity ought to then look for strategic and intentional opportunities to make the commitment matter.

- 1. Expand the scope and of the resolution within the County and within the State...**
 - a. Reach out to towns within the County sharing the vision of the resolution.
 - b. Recruit other Counties to join the movement (focus on rural counties).
 - c. Get good people in government! Run for office. Attend local government and school board meetings.



Next Steps (continued)

2. Organize for the purpose of litigation...

- a. Learn the lingo about who has “standing” to file lawsuits.
- b. Learn the lingo about preliminary injunctions and special legal proceedings.
- c. Organize with others “similarly situated” to pursue legal redress and share the cost of litigation.

3. Engage in strategic nullification...

- a. Communicate with the Legislators regarding nullifying specific mandates.
- b. Encourage the Legislators to refuse to enforce specific mandates; be strategic, not haphazard. Develop well-crafted reasons why a mandate should be nullified. Beware: nullification is generally a response to federal laws that overstep Constitutional boundaries. To nullify state mandates – you must develop a foundation and clear justification.



Next Steps (continued)

4. Engage in strategic civil disobedience...

Decide to live your life in the freedom you have inherited as an American citizen. In a gracious manner, go back to doing what you always did (or didn't do) before the COVID era. Be strategic, intentional, and don't get baited into bad behavior.

5. Support the Sheriff's Department...

Determine if your County Sheriff is a "Constitutional" Sheriff.

Ask him where he stands.

Remind the Sheriff that his oath is to the Constitution and his duty is to the citizens.

Assure the Sheriff that your Constitutional position is rooted in a love for law and order.



Next Steps (continued)

6. Pursue Election Integrity...

Get involved in elections at the precinct level.

Ask questions about safeguards put in place to ensure election integrity.

Use FOIA when appropriate.

7. Continually educate...yourself, your children, your church, your community



“If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.”

Samuel Adams

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insure domestic Tranquility provide for the common Defense and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Thank you.