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RFD: Rules

First Read: 27-SEP-21
CONDEMNING FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ACTIONS REQUIRING
MANDATORY VACCINATION OF AMERICAN WORKERS.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, the Biden Administration unveiled a new "action plan" for combatting the public health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the new plan includes an executive order that requires all federal executive branch employees and contractors to receive vaccination against COVID-19, as well as a directive to the Department of Labor to require all employers with 100 or more employees, public or private, to receive vaccination or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing; additionally, the plan mandates the vaccination of over 17 million health care workers; and

WHEREAS, this federal action constitutes not only a significant overreach of federal executive power, but also an invasion of Americans’ medical privacy and freedom to choose the medical care that is best for their health; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, this federal action places significant and onerous burdens on large private employers by
coercing those employers to be complicit in the mandatory
vaccination of employees, under the threat of significant
fines and other penalties; and

WHEREAS, in implementing this new plan, the Biden
Administration has betrayed even its own liberal understanding
of the role of federal government; in December 2020, then
President-Elect Biden stated in relation to vaccination, "I
don't think it should be mandatory. I wouldn't demand it to be
mandatory;" on May 14, 2021, White House Press Secretary Jen
Psaki also indicated that the Biden Administration would not
implement a vaccine mandate, and has restated that a vaccine
mandate is "not the federal government's role" as recently as
July 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as the hard-won freedoms and liberties
treasured by Americans today are easily lost in the absence of
vigilant defense, this body considers it an indelible duty to
rise and declare these federal actions as contrary to the core
principles of American democracy; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
HOUSES THEREOF CONCURING, That this body hereby condemns the
recent federal action requiring mandatory vaccination of
American workers as a severe federal overreach in violation of
federal law and an egregious invasion of the medical privacy
of millions of Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
resolution be provided to President Joe Biden; Vice President
Kamala Harris; Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh; Chiquita
Brooks-LaSure, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and each member of the Alabama Congressional Delegation for further distribution to each member of Congress.