



## What Can I Do If My City Has Already Passed a Resolution?

If you wish to be a part of Resolutions Week and are in a city that has already passed a resolution, don't worry – **you can still join in!**

Here are some ways to participate:

- You can work to pass a **ballot initiative**. Ballot initiatives give all voters a chance to make a statement that they support a constitutional amendment and give you a chance to reach many more people with your message. Ballot initiatives have passed with huge majorities in both liberal and conservative towns. You can introduce a ballot initiative either by gathering signatures to place it on the ballot or by having your council place it on the ballot. Ask your city or town hall the process in your area.
- Look to **neighboring towns and cities** that have not yet passed resolutions and get residents in those municipalities involved. In Los Angeles for example, the city council passed a resolution encouraging Congress to pass an amendment on December 6, 2011. However, numerous cities within Los Angeles County (Culver City, Santa Monica, etc.) have not yet passed resolutions and should! Reach out and branch out!
- Take your fight to the **county level** if possible. Many county commissions like that of Taos, New Mexico, have passed resolutions in support of amending the Constitution, and yours can and should too. Every level of government can and needs to be involved in this movement for it to succeed.
- Start creating a **statewide network**, and start cultivating state representatives and state senators. It sends a powerful message when a state legislature passes a resolution. In most states however, these resolutions will not pass unless there is grassroots support for the initiative. By reaching out to groups and like-minded individuals in different areas of your state, you can start developing an organized network that can mobilize when needed. Furthermore, by identifying individual representatives and senators that are allies in your cause, you will have assets for introducing a resolution, future press events, and other amendment efforts that will be necessary for a successful statewide initiative. A majority of states have either passed or introduced resolutions already, so look at the map at "[Resolutions Passed & Present](http://www.ResolutionsWeek.org)" at [www.ResolutionsWeek.org](http://www.ResolutionsWeek.org) to find out whether one has already been introduced in your state that you can support.
- Organize a **public event** in your area. Already, 131 members of Congress have co-sponsored resolutions calling for an amendment or signed on to a declaration calling for an amendment. [Here is a link to a website that lists them.](#) If your member of Congress is one of them, you might want to invite her or him to be part of your event.