

WHEREAS, designated the first great American picture book artist-author, her literary accomplishments consist of ten books for children, as well as one published set of diary entries and drawings entitled *Growing Pains*; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Charles Scribner's Sons included an article on Wanda Gag in a supplement to the *Dictionary of American Biography*; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Gag made a unique and lasting contribution to American children's literature that is as appealing to adults as to children; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it petitions the Postmaster General to issue a postal stamp commemorating Wanda Gag, American Author and Illustrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and transmit them to the Postmaster General and to each member of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee.

Presented to the governor March 13, 1992

Signed by the governor March 16, 1992, 2:45 p.m.

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#### RESOLUTION 10—S.F.No. 1778

*A resolution memorializing Congress to refrain from imposing upon the states' constitutional authority to regulate traffic and motor vehicle safety within their respective boundaries, and specifically, to refrain from mandating the passage of state laws requiring the use of motorcycle helmets, safety belts, and child restraint systems.*

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, part of the original Bill of Rights, reads as follows, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people"; and

WHEREAS, the limits on Congress' authority to regulate state activities prescribed by the Tenth Amendment have gradually been eroded and federal mandates to the states in these protected areas have become almost commonplace; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of traffic and motor vehicle safety laws are constitutionally the province of state, not congressional, authority; and

WHEREAS, a recently proposed federal mandate would reduce the appor-

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tionment of federal highway funds to states which do not enact statutes requiring the use of helmets by motorcyclists and the use of safety belts and child restraint systems by drivers and front seat passengers in automobiles by July 1, 1992; and

WHEREAS, while the stated goals of this federal mandate, to reduce highway fatalities and injuries through increased use of motorcycle helmets and safety belts, are certainly praiseworthy, it is the opinion of this body that the passage of such legislation by the U.S. Congress would be a blatant transgression upon the state's regulatory authority under the Tenth Amendment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress to refrain from imposing upon the states' constitutional authority to regulate traffic and motor vehicle safety within their respective boundaries, and specifically, to refrain from mandating the passage of state laws requiring the use of motorcycle helmets, safety belts, and child restraint systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Presented to the governor April 17, 1992

Signed by the governor April 24, 1992, 4:16 p.m.

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