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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the Electoral College is part of the United States
2 Constitution's system of checks and balances, designed by the American
3 Founders to ensure that the interests of smaller states, including states
4 like Arizona, are not ignored; and

5 Whereas, the Electoral College provides a balance between rural and
6 urban interests by ensuring that winning candidates have support from
7 multiple regions of the country; and

8 Whereas, all states, including Arizona, currently allocate their
9 electoral votes based on the vote of citizens within their state, which is
10 an appropriate exercise of state legislative authority under Article II,
11 section 1 of the United States Constitution; and

12 Whereas, the Founding Fathers explicitly rejected a national popular
13 vote for president and instead created the Electoral College; and

14 Whereas, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is an effort
15 to nullify the Constitution's state-by-state process in order to create a
16 de facto direct election for president; and

17 Whereas, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact would diminish
18 the importance of individual states in presidential elections and create
19 the potential for nationwide recounts and federal takeovers of election
20 administration; and

21 Whereas, under the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, a
22 state's electoral votes could be given away to a candidate who is opposed
23 by the majority of the state's citizens; and

24 Whereas, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact appears to
25 violate the United States Constitution, including the text of the Compact
26 Clause and the intent of the Electoral College clauses.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
29 the Senate concurring:

30 1. That the Members of the Legislature support the Electoral
31 College and oppose any effort to repeal or nullify it, including the
32 National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

33 2. That the Members of the Legislature support the Governor and
34 Attorney General of this state in any efforts to aggressively litigate
35 against the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact should other states
36 attempt to implement it.