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8 CONDEMNING FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ACTIONS REQUIRING  
9 MANDATORY VACCINATION OF AMERICAN WORKERS.  
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11 WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 9, 2021, the Biden  
12 Administration unveiled a new "action plan" for combatting the  
13 public health crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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

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

26 WHEREAS, furthermore, this federal action places  
27 significant and onerous burdens on large private employers by

1       coercing those employers to be complicit in the mandatory  
2       vaccination of employees, under the threat of significant  
3       fines and other penalties; and

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

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

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

25             BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
26      resolution be provided to President Joe Biden; Vice President  
27      Kamala Harris; Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh; Chiquita

1 Brooks-LaSure, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and  
2 Medicaid Services; and each member of the Alabama  
3 Congressional Delegation for further distribution to each  
4 member of Congress.