

2010 : A Year in Review

2010 Activities for the **Foundation For Liberty** and Matt Erickson,
accomplished in 2010 on donations of \$2,116.70.



New Website and New Logo: compliments of
Ranee Cate (www.RandallCate.com)

www.FoundationForLiberty.org

Wrote Issues 1 and 2 of *The Beacon Spotlight*.

Held two study classes on the Constitution.

Patriot Corps:

Organized the **Patriot Corps**, an "action arm" of the Foundation to actively promote study of the U.S. Constitution.

New Patriot Corps Logo: also compliments of
Ranee Cate (www.RandallCate.com)



Manned a table and handed out 300 Constitution booklets at the 4th of July festivities at Walla Walla Point Park in Wenatchee.

Manned a booth at **We The People - Vancouver's** 9-12 event, handing out another 100 Constitution booklets.



Manned a booth sponsored by **Evergreen Freedom Foundation** during the 10-day run of the Clark County Fair, handing out 1,200 Constitution booklets and information on the Executive Order Lawsuit (discussed further below). Roughed out the 2010 Petition for a Redress of Grievances in two days at the fair, in between talking with passers-by.



2010 Petition for a Redress of Grievances

The first Amendment to the Constitution for the United States of America acknowledges the inherent Right of the People to Petition the Government for a Redress of their Grievances.

We, the undersigned Petitioners, in order to restore our Republic, reclaim personal Liberty, and retrieve lost justice, do hereby list our grievances with the Government of the United States of America, for appropriate remedy. Over succeeding generations, government Servants have:

- endeavored to become our political Masters, by enlarging the Sphere of their Influence to extend their Positions of Power;*
- Ignored our Pleas, violated their sacred Oaths, and think Themselves above the Law, becoming the principal threat to our Rights and greatest danger to our Property;*
- Strives to circumvent their only legitimate source of Authority, the Constitution for the United States of America, founded upon the Ideals of the Declaration of Independence;*
- Seeks to diminish our Republican form of Government, by delegating legislative Authority to unelected Officials who promulgate Regulations without fair Notice at the ballot box;*
- Abolished our lawful Money of Gold and Silver Coin and flooded the Country with an irredeemable Currency which confiscates productive Capital, impoverishes independent Citizens and enslaves our Young;*
- Saturated Money at levels unprecedented in our History and unsustainable for our Future;*
- Sought to disarm free Citizens, as if America's greatest Resource, her People and their love of Liberty, was her greatest Liability;*
- Acted against the long-term Interests of our Country, by sacrificing our Sovereignty to foreign Powers who have anything but our best Interests at Heart;*
- Impair of the Autonomy of our States, by improperly restricting their reserved Powers;*
- Threatened our Industries, driving them from our Shores with oppressive Taxation, repressive Regulation and destructive Litigation;*
- Instituted policies said to benefit the environment, which surreptitiously diminish the Rights to private Property while enabling government to control it absolutely;*
- Abused Trustment Doctrine to allow Private Property to be taken for another's personal Benefit, rather than actual public use;*
- Tried to re-write our History and destroy our Christian Heritage, by denying its profound Influence and widespread Impact;*
- Undermined the Sanctity of Life itself, allowing the continued Destruction of the most Defenseless of innocent Persons who committed no wrong, the unborn Child, while setting the stage to ration care for the aged and the infirm;*
- Wiped the domestic production of energy, necessary for the advancement of civilization and reduction of Poverty, while enriching our Enemies who wage War against us;*
- Failed to address Immigration Reform, threatening the Rule of Law and restricting the availability of legal Workers;*
- Expanded government into every conceivable aspect of Society such that little is held Sacred from its ever-expanding Reach; and*
- Expended massive amounts of government Funds ostensibly to prevent some from failing, all but ensuring that few Others will Succeed.*

In Support of this Petition, first Signed the Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten and of the Two Hundred and Thirtieth Year of Independence of the United States of America, We solemnly Pledge before God our honorable Intention to restore our Republic, by all lawful and just Means.

Matt Erickson

Wrote the 2010 Petition for a Redress of Grievances and held a signing event on Constitution Day, September 17th.

www.foundationforliberty.org/pdf/small_petition.pdf



Personally visited 2,000 homes in Wenatchee in colonial patriot attire, handing out another 2,000 Constitution booklets, 4" X 6" American flags, and the 2010 Petition, since September 18, 2010.

Waved a flag for four hours along Wenatchee Avenue at Maple on November 2, helping remind drivers of Election Day.

Wrote a guest column in **The Good Life** magazine about door-belling experiences.

www.foundationforliberty.org/pdf/good_life.pdf



Spoke at the **North Central Home Builders Association** October 12, 2010 on the 2010 Petition and introduced the Patriot Theme Park concept.

Held an Exploratory Meeting October 21, 2010 for a **Patriot Theme Park**, to gauge the interest in creating scale models of historical American structures (such as Independence Hall, the White House, etc.), and organizing a theme park for visitors to learn more of American history.

Lawsuits:

2005 Free Speech Lawsuit

Matt R. Erickson v. City of Leavenworth:

Chelan County Superior Court Case 05-2-00587 9

After letting go his attorney for lack of funds, Matt Erickson continued to fight into 2010, of his 2005 lawsuit *Matt R. Erickson v. City of Leavenworth* against the City of Leavenworth. The City's flag code required a building permit before a flag of any size was displayed in the Bavarian-themed town. Judge John Bridges granted the City's Motion for Summary Judgment for dismissal of Erickson's Amended Complaint on November 12, 2010.

2010 Free Speech Lawsuit

Matt Erickson v. City of Leavenworth:

Chelan County Superior Court Case 10-2-01364 9

Matt Erickson stepped up his Free Speech fight with the City of Leavenworth and began a 2010 lawsuit on December 10, 2010. The case centers on the City's enforcement code sections for the flag and sign codes, which threaten people who erect Free Speech flags or signs within their First Amendment rights to excessive fines as prohibited by the Eighth Amendment (\$250 day one, \$750 day two, \$7,000 day seven, \$30,000 day fifteen, and \$116,500 day thirty).

In his 2010 case, Matt Erickson is also challenging several sign code sections on constitutional grounds, in that they restrict Free Speech for an improper content-based purpose (to protect Leavenworth's Old World Bavarian Design Theme).

2010 Appeal of 2005 Free Speech Lawsuit

Matt Erickson filed an Appeal on December 10, 2010 of his 2005 flag case with Division III of the Court of Appeals, of Judge Bridges' November 12, 2010 and June 29, 2006 rulings, along with Judge Bridges' August 10, 2006 denial of Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration.

2010 Media attention on Flag Lawsuits:

[www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/sep/22/patriot-
hoists-lawsuit-in-flagpole-battle-but-figh/](http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/sep/22/patriot-hoists-lawsuit-in-flagpole-battle-but-figh/)

[www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/sep/23/my-it-gets-
nasty-on-the-internet/](http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/sep/23/my-it-gets-nasty-on-the-internet/)

[www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/nov/16/leavenworth-
flag-law-judged-constitutional/](http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/nov/16/leavenworth-flag-law-judged-constitutional/)

[www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/dec/13/leavenworth-
flag-suit-on-appeal/](http://www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/dec/13/leavenworth-flag-suit-on-appeal/)

2010 Climate Change Executive Order Lawsuit

Erickson, et al., v. Gregoire, et al.:

Thurston County Superior Court Case

10-2-01613-6



Matt Erickson was the named plaintiff in a lawsuit sponsored by the **Evergreen Freedom Foundation**, challenging Governor Gregoire's 2009 Climate Change Executive Order as an improper executive action violating the separation of powers doctrine (of the Governor attempting to legislate in place of the legislature). The case was successfully settled in October, after Thurston County Superior Court Judge Casey ruled the Executive Order was only a non-binding "directive"--not binding upon executive agencies--so executive agencies had to look to prior *legislative* action for authority to act.

For more information, see: EFF's website @ www.effwa.org/main/page.php?number=620

Or also see Foundation For Liberty's website at www.FoundationForLiberty.org and click on the "Lawsuits" tab.

Matt Erickson wrote a guest editorial for **The Wenatchee World** on the Executive Order lawsuit:

www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/nov/23/the-governor-is-not-all-powerful/

We The People - Wenatchee: www.WeThePeopleofWenatchee.org

Matt Erickson organized the steering committee to help plan and run local monthly Tea Party meetings, of what would later become **We The People - Wenatchee**, also scheduling WTP-Wenatchee guest speakers Trent England from Evergreen Freedom Foundation, Daniel Himebaugh from Pacific Legal Foundation, and Michael Bindas from Institute for Justice.

Attended the steering committee meetings and monthly meetings, offering help as needed.

2010 Media attention on **We The People - Wenatchee**:

www.wenatcheeworld.com/news/2010/jul/31/tea-partys-rumblings-are-resonating-here/

Donations:

As the 2010 year ends, many people look at donating to various charitable causes. For those looking with an eye bent toward liberty, please consider donating to the **Foundation For Liberty** to expand its effectiveness.

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Evergreen Freedom Foundation

www.effwa.org

Institute for Justice

www.IJ.org

Pacific Legal Foundation

www.PacificLegal.org

Washington Policy Center

www.WashingtonPolicy.org

National Center for Constitutional Studies

www.nccs.net

Heritage Foundation

www.Heritage.org

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