

THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF COLORADO. PREAMBLE We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect government, establish justice, insure tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the State of Colorado. ARTICLE I BOUNDARIES THE boundaries of the State of Colorado shall be as follows: Commencing on the thirty-seventh parallel of north latitude, where the twenty-fifth meridian from Washington crosses the same; thence north on said meridian to the forty-first parallel of north latitude; thence along said parallel west to the thirty-second meridian of longitude west from Washington; thence south on said meridian to the thirty-seventh parallel of north latitude; thence along said parallel west to the place of beginning. ARTICLE II BILL OF RIGHTS In order to assert our rights, acknowledge our duties, and proclaim the principles upon which our government is founded, we declare SECTION 1. That all political power is vested in and derived from the people; that all government, of right, originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole. SEC. 2. That the people of this State have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves, as a free, sovereign, and independent State, and to alter and abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety and happiness, provided such change be not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States. SEC. 3. That all persons have certain natural, essential, and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying their lives, liberties, and possessions, in peace and tranquillity, and of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness. SEC. 4. That the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever hereafter be guaranteed; and no person shall be denied any civil or political privilege, or engaged in any religious profession or worship, on pain of being held to be a criminal offence, and no person shall be denied any civil or political privilege, or engaged in any religious profession or worship, on pain of being held to be a criminal offence. SEC. 5. That no person shall be denied any civil or political privilege, or engaged in any religious profession or worship, on pain of being held to be a criminal offence. SEC. 6. That no person shall be denied any civil or political privilege, or engaged in any religious profession or worship, on pain of being held to be a criminal offence. SEC. 7. That the people shall be secure in their persons, papers, homes, and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures; and no warrant shall be issued without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, reduced to writing. SEC. 8. That, until otherwise provided by law, no person shall, for a felony, be proceeded against criminally, otherwise than by indictment, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia when in actual service in time of war or public danger. In all other cases offences shall be prosecuted principally by indictment or information. SEC. 9. That treason against the State can consist only in levying war against it, or in adhering to its enemies, them aid and comfort; that no person can be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on his confession in open court; that no person can be attainted of treason or felony by the general assembly; that no conviction can work corruption of blood or forfeiture of estate; that the estates of such persons as may destroy their own lives shall descend or vest as in cases of natural death. SEC. 10. That no law shall be passed impairing the freedom of speech; that every person shall be free to speak, write, or publish whatever he will on any subject, being responsible for all abuse of that liberty; and that in all suits and prosecutions for libel, the truth thereof may be given in evidence, and the jury, under the direction of the court, shall determine the law and the facts. SEC. 11. That no ex post facto law, nor law impairing the obligation of contracts, or retrospective in its operation, or passing any irrevocable grant of special privileges, franchises, or immunities, shall be passed by the general assembly. SEC. 12. That no person shall be imprisoned for debt, unless upon refusal to deliver up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law, or in cases of tort or where there is strong presumption of fraud. SEC. 13. That the right of no person to keep and bear arms in defence of his home, person, and property, or in aid of the civil power when thereto legally summoned, shall be called in question; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons. SEC. 14. That private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation. Such compensation shall be made by the State, or by the person or persons to whom the property shall be taken, and shall be paid in money, or in land, or in other property, or in any other mode, as may be determined by law. SEC. 15. That private property shall not be taken or damaged, for public or private use, without just compensation. Such compensation shall be made by the State, or by the person or persons to whom the property shall be taken, and shall be paid in money, or in land, or in other property, or in any other mode, as may be determined by law. SEC. 16. That no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. SEC. 17. That no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. SEC. 18. That no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. SEC. 19. That no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. SEC. 20. 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