

Preamble and Fundamental Aims of the Constitution

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THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA --

TO GUARANTEE the fundamental rights and freedoms of Canadians;  
TO ENSURE that laws and political institutions are founded on the will and consent of the people;  
TO ACHIEVE social justice, more equal economic opportunity and greater cultural security for all Canadians; AND  
TO CONTRIBUTE to the attainment of these ends by all mankind --

PROCLAIMS THAT THIS IS THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA, hereby adopted and henceforth to be amended in Canada by Canadians.

Joint Resolution

- Begins:

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AND WHEREAS

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THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA in Parliament assembled, wishing --

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AND

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AND

DESIRING THAT THE CONSTITUTION OF CANADA be adopted and henceforth be amendable solely in Canada and by Canadians

RESOLVE THAT:

"A respectful address ...etc."

Schedule

1. The British North America Act, 1867, as amended, is further amended by replacing the title "THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT, 1867" with the following - "THE CANADIAN CONSTITUTION ACT, 1981", and by deleting all the words before Section 1. and replacing them with the following heading and preamble:

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## THE FUNDAMENTAL AIMS OF THE CONSTITUTION SHALL BE:

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