Congress of the United States

Begun and held at the City of New York on

Wednesday the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

RESOLVED

That the first Congress hold its first session at the City of New York, on the fourth day of March next, and at which the President shall convene the Congress, and at which the Congress shall be composed of the Representatives and Senators elected by the States at the first meeting of their respective State legislatures under the authority of this Constitution.

ARTICLES

Article the first

The legislative power shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives.

Article the second

The Executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America.

Article the third

The judicial power shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time establish.

Article the fourth

The tax power shall be vested in Congress, subject to the limitations prescribed in this Constitution.

Article the fifth

The foreign power shall be vested in Congress, subject to the limitations prescribed in this Constitution.

Article the sixth

The military power shall be vested in Congress, subject to the limitations prescribed in this Constitution.

Article the seventh

The Constitution shall be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, and by conventions in the States specially called for by the legislature of two-thirds of the State legislatures.

In Testimoniæ

Richard Henry Lee, Chairman of the Committee of the House of Representatives;

John Adams, Vice President of the United States; and

Richard C. Lee, Chairman of the Committee of the Senate.