

# RULE OF LAW REVOLUTION

## Executive Candidate's Pledge

1. I pledge allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, to the sovereign Republic established thereby, and to the just and equitable Rule of Law thereunder. I affirm for the People all the liberties guaranteed therein; for the People and the States, all the powers reserved thereby; and for the Federal Government, all the limitations guaranteed therein.
2. I admit and affirm that the powers of the office I am seeking are strictly limited to those authorized by the Constitution or Charter that established the office.\*
3. I pledge that if I am elected, I will not act outside the limited powers of the office, even if the Legislative or Judicial branches, or the people themselves, or any interest, whether foreign or domestic, should insist that I can or should do so. I will obey the Constitution or Charter that created my office, and not the rule of popular opinion. Should that Constitution or Charter prove inadequate or unjust, I will work to amend it lawfully as needed, but shall obey it strictly until it is lawfully changed.
4. I pledge to make the fullest lawful use of the "checks and balances" powers of the office I am seeking, as set forth in the Constitution or Charter, in order to see to it that the *rest* of the government is also held strictly accountable to the Rule of Law. I shall seek to appoint to official positions only such people as share the spirit of this pledge.
5. If the office that I seek is vested with veto powers, I shall veto any legislation that I know or believe to be unauthorized under, or in violation of, the Constitution or Charter. Further, I pledge never to sign into law a bill that I have not first read in its entirety and if I cannot read the bill before the period of veto has passed, I will veto it on principle.
6. I affirm that I have read the U.S. Constitution at least once in its entirety in the last year. If the office I am seeking is in State government, I affirm that I have also read my State's Constitution at least once in its entirety in the last year, as well as the U.S. Constitution. If the office I am seeking is in the county or city government, I pledge that I have read the Charter of that government at least once in its entirety in the last year, as well as the U.S. Constitution and my State's Constitution.

*\*(For any elected official of the Federal Government, this would be the Constitution of the United States. For any elected official of a state, it is the State's own Constitution. For any elected official of a county, parish, city, town, or township, the founding charter is the generally called a charter.)*

WARNING: Do not take this pledge if you do not intend to abide faithfully by it. ROLR plans to track the behavior in office of all ROLR Candidate Pledges. Violations of the pledges will be thoroughly documented in a persistent record.

Edward Rutledge

Candidate's Name (Printed)

Nov 2, 2010

Date of Election

Chicago

Candidate's City of Residence

May 13, 2010

Date of Signature

Lieutenant Governor

Office Sought (Examples: "U.S. Senate" or "County Commissioner")

The State of Illinois

Area to be Served ( "3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of FL", "Leon County, FL, etc.)

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State

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Signature of Candidate