

WE THE PEOPLE

FINDING PURPOSE

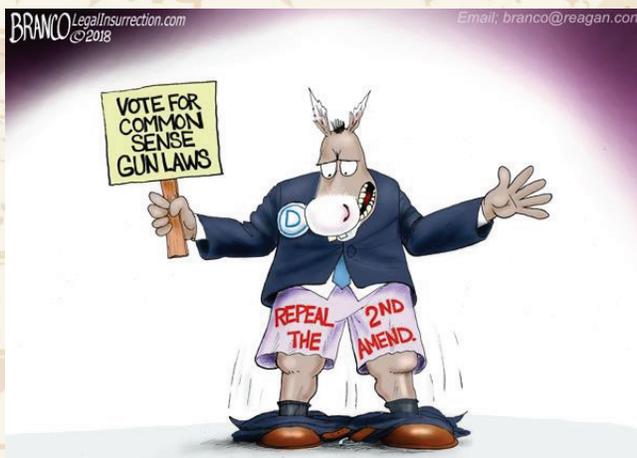
On the 26th in 1837 Michigan becomes a State (26th). This came about as a result of numerous parties negotiating, including the people of Ohio and the Anishinaabek, a collective of Odawa and Ojibway Native Americans. From here, Michigan would contribute to the growth of America with the Automobile and Music (Motown) industries, to name just a couple.

On the 29th in 1861 Kansas becomes a State (34th) amid drought and economic uncertainty. However, the news of Statehood, brought great pleasure to all. The geographical center of the US, some have joked that if you stand on a tuna can, you can see both oceans. Kansas is recognized as being a free state (no slavery).

On the 18th in 1919, the 18th Amendment is Ratified, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors after one year from the date of passing the amendment. Section 2 of the Amendment allows for the States and Federal government to have concurrent powers in this regard.



Yet with this understanding the Federal Government passed the Volstead Act, assigning enforcement to the Treasury Department and further identifying which "Intoxicating Liquors " were to be included. Having launched this amendment into failure, the Amendment was Repealed in its entirety 13 years later with the passage of the 21st Amendment, or was it? Did the Federal Government cease further involvement in the management of alcohol? One would think that if Government was to manage the enforcement of a law, that when the law is nullified, that the need for enforcement would be nonexistent. Yet the Federal Government continued to grow this department from the 1930's on.



Preserving our Freedoms:

If we have learned anything from the actions of Congress, in the passage of the 18th Amendment and later the 21st, is that government never seems to give up rights it believes it was once granted. The same could be said that once "We the People" allow for a right to be given up, we may never return to the old days before the right was granted in the first place. Just look at the efforts by many to restrict our 2nd Amendment Rights.