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the leads the executive branch in state governments.



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The 10th Amendment preserves states' autonomy by declaring that powers not given to the government by the Constitution belong to the the people and the states.





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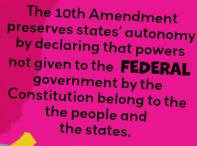
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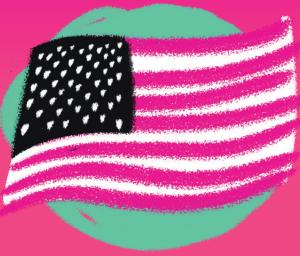
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The last two states that joined the Union in 1959 were **ALASKA** and **HAWAII**.

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