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1 A Joint Resolution calling for an Article V convention in order
2 to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United
3 States that impose fiscal restraints, and limit the power
4 and jurisdiction of the federal government, and requesting
5 Congress to similarly propose such amendments.

6 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United
7 States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty
8 against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

9 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing
10 national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and
11 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate
12 roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal
13 mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and
14 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under
15 a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United
16 States; and

17 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect
18 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations
19 to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
20 United States through a convention of the states under Article
21 V of the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of
22 restraining these and related abuses of power; NOW THEREFORE,
23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 That the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned
2 to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United
3 States, for submission to the states for ratification, to
4 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and limit
5 the federal government's power and jurisdiction; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pursuant to Article V of the
7 Constitution of the United States, the General Assembly, as the
8 legislature of the state of Iowa, joins in the applications of
9 the states of Georgia (SR 736, 2014), Florida (SM 476, 2014),
10 Alaska (HJR 22, 2014), Alabama (HJR 112, 2015), Tennessee
11 (SJR 67, 2016), Indiana (SJR 14, 2016), Oklahoma (SJR 4,
12 2016), Louisiana (SCR 52, 2016), Arizona (HCR 2010, 2017),
13 North Dakota (HCR 3006, 2017), Texas (SJR 2, 2017), Missouri
14 (SCR 4, 2017), Arkansas (SJR 3, 2019), Utah (SJR 9, 2019),
15 and Mississippi (SCR 596, 2019), for a convention for the
16 specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the
17 Constitution of the United States limited to the purposes
18 stated therein, provided, however, that the delegates from
19 Iowa to said convention are expressly limited to consideration
20 and support of amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the
21 federal government, and amendments that limit the power and
22 jurisdiction of the federal government, and no amendments on
23 any other topic; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the express intention of
25 the General Assembly that this application shall be aggregated
26 with the prior and subsequent applications of other states
27 limited to the purposes identified in this application; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes
29 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
30 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
31 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications
32 for a similar convention under Article V, or the General
33 Assembly resolves to withdraw this application; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State shall
35 transmit certified copies of this resolution to the President

1 and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and
2 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the
3 presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each of
4 the several states, and to each member of Iowa's congressional
5 delegation.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This joint resolution constitutes an application requesting
10 the United States Congress to call a constitutional convention
11 in order to propose amendments to the Constitution of the
12 United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal
13 government and limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
14 government. The resolution stipulates that Iowa's delegates
15 to such a convention are expressly limited to consideration
16 and support of amendments on those topics. The resolution
17 constitutes a continuing application to call a constitutional
18 convention and states the intention of the General Assembly
19 that the application be aggregated with the prior and
20 subsequent applications of other states limited to the purposes
21 identified in the resolution.

22 The resolution also petitions the Congress of the United
23 States to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the
24 United States to impose fiscal restraints on the federal
25 government and limit the federal government's power and
26 jurisdiction.

27 The resolution requires the Secretary of State to transmit
28 certified copies of this resolution to the President and
29 Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk
30 of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding
31 officer of each house of the legislature of each state, and to
32 the members of Iowa's congressional delegation.