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

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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 for the purpose of restraining these and
22 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
8 the Legislature of the State of Iowa, makes application to
9 the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the
10 specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to
11 the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the
12 states for ratification, to impose fiscal restraints on the
13 federal government and limit the federal government's power and
14 jurisdiction; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Article V of
16 the Constitution of the United States, the Iowa General
17 Assembly, as the Legislature of the State of Iowa, joins in the
18 applications of the states of Georgia (SR 736, 2014), Florida
19 (SM 476, 2014), and Alaska (HJR 22, 2014) for a convention for
20 the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to
21 the Constitution of the United States limited to the purposes
22 stated therein, provided, however, that the delegates from
23 Iowa to said convention are expressly limited to consideration
24 and support of amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the
25 federal government and limit the federal government's power and
26 jurisdiction; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the express intention of
28 the General Assembly that this application shall be aggregated
29 with the subsequent applications of other states limited to
30 the purposes identified in this application and with those
31 applications of the above-mentioned states; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this application constitutes
33 a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
34 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at
35 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications

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1 for a similar convention under Article V, or the General
2 Assembly acts to withdraw this application; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State
4 shall transmit certified copies of this Joint Resolution
5 to the President and Secretary of the United States
6 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
7 Representatives, the presiding officer in each house of the
8 legislature in each of the states in the union, and to the
9 members of Iowa's congressional delegation requesting their
10 cooperation.