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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Application to the Congress of the United States for 1
a Convention of the States under Article V of the 2
Constitution of the United States. 3

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, The Founders of our Constitution empowered 4
State Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future 5
abuses of power by the federal government; and 6

WHEREAS, The federal government has created a crushing 7
national debt through improper and imprudent spending that 8
threatens our very liberty; and 9

WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the 10
legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative 11
process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a 12
great extent and are often considerably unconstitutional; 13
and 14

WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live 15
under a reasonable interpretation of the Constitution of the 16
United 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 21
Article V to place clear restraints on these and related 22
abuses of power; now therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, The Ohio General Assembly hereby applies to 24
Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the 25
Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a 26
Convention of the States limited to proposing amendments 27
that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, 28
limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, 29
and limit the terms of office for its officials; and be it 30
further 31

RESOLVED, The Ohio Secretary of State is hereby 32
directed to transmit copies of this application to the 33
President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to 34
the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of 35
Representatives, and to each member of the said Senate and 36
House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit 37
copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the 38
legislative houses in the several States, requesting their 39
cooperation; and be it further 40

RESOLVED, This application constitutes a continuing 41
application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution 42
of the United States until the legislatures of at least two- 43
thirds of the several States have made applications on the 44
same subject. 45