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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