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10 **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION**

11 AN APPLICATION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER  
12 ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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15 **Subtitle**

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18 CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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21 WHEREAS, the Drafters of our United States Constitution empowered State  
22 Legislatures to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the  
23 federal government; and

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25 WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt  
26 through improper and imprudent spending; and

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28 WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the  
29 states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which  
30 are unfunded; and

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32 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to function under a proper  
33 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

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35 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of  
36 our people – particularly for the generations to come – by proposing



1 Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of  
2 the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related  
3 abuses of power,

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5 NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL  
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
8 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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10 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas hereby applies to  
11 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United  
12 States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing  
13 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal  
14 restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the  
15 federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for  
16 members of Congress.

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Clerk of the House of  
19 Representatives is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to  
20 the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the United States  
21 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk  
22 of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Arkansas  
23 congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the  
24 legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this application constitutes a continuing  
27 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United  
28 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the several  
29 states have made applications on the same subject.

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