

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose**  
2 **amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the**  
3 **federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and**  
4 **limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and urging the legislatures of**  
5 **the other 49 states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the**  
6 **states.**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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

11 **WHEREAS** the federal government has created a crushing national debt through  
12 improper and imprudent spending; and

13 **WHEREAS** the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states  
14 through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded; and

1           **WHEREAS** it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the people,  
2 particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the  
3 United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these  
4 and related abuses of power;

5           **BE IT RESOLVED** that, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska  
6 State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the  
7 states for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
8 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the  
9 federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and be it

10           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in  
11 accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the  
12 legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it

13           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of  
14 the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

15           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
16 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
17 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of  
18 Representatives; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate;  
19 the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas,  
20 Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
21 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
22 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures  
23 of each of the other 49 states.