

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION applying for an Article V convention to propose
2 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints, and
3 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and requesting Congress to
4 similarly propose such amendments.

5 WHEREAS, the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state
6 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal
7 government; and

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

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

13 WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation
14 of the Constitution of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people,
16 particularly for the generations to come, by proposing amendments to the Constitution of
17 the United States through a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution
18 for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. That the Congress of the United States is hereby petitioned to
22 propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, for submission to the
23 states for ratification, to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and limit the
24 federal government's power and jurisdiction.

25 ➔Section 2. That pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States,
26 the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, joins in the applications of the states of Georgia
27 (SR 736, 2014), Florida (SM 476, 2014), Alaska (HJR 22, 2014), Alabama (HJR 112,

1 2015), Tennessee (SJ 67, 2016), Indiana (SJR 14, 2016), Oklahoma (SJR 4, 2016), and
2 Louisiana (SCR 52, 2016), for a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of
3 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States limited to the purposes
4 stated therein; provided, however, that the commissioners from Kentucky to the
5 convention are expressly limited to consideration and support of amendments that impose
6 fiscal restraints on the federal government, and amendments that limit the power and
7 jurisdiction of the federal government, and no other amendments on any topic
8 whatsoever.

9 ➔Section 3. That it is the express intention of the General Assembly that this
10 application shall be aggregated with the subsequent applications of other states limited to
11 the purposes identified in this application and with those applications of the above
12 mentioned states.

13 ➔Section 4. That this application constitutes a continuing application in
14 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of
15 at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications for a similar convention
16 under Article V, or the General Assembly acts to withdraw this application.

17 ➔Section 5. That the Secretary of State shall transmit certified copies of this Joint
18 Resolution to the President, the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and
19 Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the presiding officer in each house
20 of the legislature in each of the states in the union, and to the members of Kentucky's
21 congressional delegation requesting their cooperation.