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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

APPLYING FOR AN ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS CONVENTION.

Whereas, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a Convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution upon application of two-thirds of the Legislatures of the several states ("amendments convention"), and,

Whereas, the Legislature of the State of New Mexico favors the proposal and ratification of an amendment to said Constitution which shall provide that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate States.

Therefore, be it resolved:

Section 1. That, as provided for in Article V of the

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1 Constitution of the United States, the Legislature of the State
2 of New Mexico herewith respectfully applies for an amendments
3 convention to be called for the purpose of proposing an
4 amendment which shall provide that an increase in the federal
5 debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of
6 the separate States.

7 **Section 2.** That the amendments convention contemplated by
8 this application shall be entirely focused upon and exclusively
9 limited to the subject matter of proposing for ratification an
10 amendment to the Constitution providing that an increase in the
11 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the
12 legislatures of the separate States.

13 **Section 3.** This application constitutes a continuing
14 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of
15 the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures
16 of the several states have made application for an equivalently
17 limited amendments convention.

18 **Section 4.** Be it further resolved that a certified copy
19 of this application be dispatched by the secretary of state to
20 the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of
21 the United States House of Representatives, to each member of
22 the applicant's delegation to the United States Congress, and
23 to the presiding officers of each house of the several state
24 legislatures, requesting their cooperation in applying for the
25 amendments convention limited to the subject matter

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