

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, limit the
3 power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal
4 government officials and for members of Congress, and requesting Congress to similarly
5 propose such amendments.

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

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

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

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

27 ➔Section 2. Pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States, the

1 Legislature of the State of Kentucky joins in the applications of the states of Georgia (SR
2 736, 2014), Florida (SM 476, 2014), Alaska (HJR 22, 2014), Alabama (HJR 112, 2015),
3 Tennessee (SJR 67, 2016), Indiana (SJR 14, 2016), Oklahoma (SJR 4, 2016), Louisiana
4 (SCR 52, 2016), Texas (SJR 2, 2017), Missouri (SCR 4, 2017), North Dakota (HCR
5 3006, 2017), and Arizona (HCR 2010, 2017) for a convention for the specific and
6 exclusive purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
7 limited to the purposes stated therein; provided, however, that the commissioners from
8 Kentucky to the convention are expressly limited to consideration and support of
9 amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, amendments that
10 limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and amendments that limit the
11 terms of office for federal government officials and for members of Congress, and no
12 other amendments on any topic whatsoever.

13 ➔Section 3. It is the express intention of the General Assembly that this
14 application shall be aggregated with the subsequent applications of other states limited to
15 the purposes identified in this application, and with those applications of the above-
16 mentioned states.

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

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