

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. The Legislature of the State of Montana hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the

1 federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for
2 its officials and for members of Congress.

3 Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the
4 President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House
5 of Representatives and to the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of
6 Representatives from this State and also to transmit copies of this application to the presiding officers of each
7 of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation.

8 Section 3. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
9 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made
10 applications on the same subject.

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