

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5009

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress
2 of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing
3 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits
4 on the federal government.
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6 WHEREAS, The founders of our Constitution empowered state
7 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the
8 federal government; and

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

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

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

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

21 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Kansas, the Senate*
22 *concurring therein:* The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby applies
23 to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the
24 United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to
25 proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that
26 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and
27 jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for its
28 officials and for members of Congress; and

29 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing
30 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United
31 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have
32 made application on the same subject; and

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an
34 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the
35 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States
36 House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and

- 1 the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the
- 2 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.