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House Concurrent Resolution No. 5027

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits on the federal government.

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{Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:}

WHEREAS, The founders of the Constitution of the United States 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 role of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded and encroach on personal civil liberties through coercion and punishment for non-compliance; and

{WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the state of Kansas requires a two-thirds vote of each house voting in the affirmative to ratify any amendment to the Constitution of the United States or to make any application for Congress to call a convention of the states for proposed amendments to 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 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 House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby applies to the Congress of the United States, 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 federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for officials of the federal government and members of the Congress of the United States; and

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

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.