

House Concurrent Resolution No. 19

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURLISON.

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

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

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

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

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14 **WHEREAS**, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people -
15 particularly for the generations to come - to propose amendments to the United States
16 Constitution through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and
17 related abuses of power:

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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
20 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
21 concurring therein, hereby apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United
22 States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments
23 to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit
24 the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials
25 and members of Congress; and

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing
28 application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures
29 of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
33 President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States
34 House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and the
35 presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their
36 cooperation.

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