

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A
CONVENTION, UPON THE APPLICATION OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATES,
FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED
STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS
AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, the governor of New Mexico is constitutionally
required to submit a balanced budget, and the New Mexico
legislature is constitutionally required to pass a balanced
budget, thereby preserving the state's financial solvency and
integrity; and

WHEREAS, the federal government continues to accrue
enormous increases in the national debt, obligating New

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1 Mexico's citizens and future generations to insurmountable
2 financial burdens; and

3 WHEREAS, otherwise necessary federal regulatory
4 protections become costly, unworkable and oppressive when
5 congested by an excess of unnecessary and obsolete rules and
6 mandates, causing hardships to New Mexico's local governments,
7 small businesses and working families; and

8 WHEREAS, a professionalized congress, whose members are
9 more subject to the power of organized pressure groups than to
10 the interests of the majority of the citizens, fails in its
11 service to those citizens and proves unresponsive to fiscal
12 excess and government overreach; and

13 WHEREAS, constitutionally applied mechanisms for
14 establishing sound requirements for accountability of federal
15 spending, regulation and public service are necessary to the
16 well-being of the people; and

17 WHEREAS, Article 5 of the United States constitution
18 provides authority for a convention to be called by the
19 congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing
20 amendments to the constitution upon application of two-thirds
21 of the legislatures of the several states;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislature hereby
24 applies to congress, under the provisions of Article 5 of the
25 United States constitution, for the calling of a convention of

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1 the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States
2 constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal
3 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal
4 government and limit the terms of office for federal officials
5 and members of congress; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of state is
7 hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the
8 president of the United States, the secretary of the United
9 States senate, the speaker of the United States house of
10 representatives and the clerk of the United States house of
11 representatives; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a
13 continuing application in accordance with Article 5 of the
14 United States constitution until the legislatures of at least
15 two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the
16 same subject.

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