

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose**
2 **amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the**
3 **federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and**
4 **limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and urging the legislatures of**
5 **the other 49 states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the**
6 **states.**

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

8 **WHEREAS** the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state
9 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal
10 government; and

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

13 **WHEREAS** the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states
14 through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded; and

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

3 **WHEREAS** it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of its people,
4 particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the
5 United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these
6 and related abuses of power;

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** that, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska
8 State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the
9 states for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
10 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the
11 federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in
13 accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the
14 legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of
16 the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of
18 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and
19 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of
20 Representatives; the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate;
21 the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas,
22 Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
23 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
24 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures
25 of each of the other 49 states.