

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 12

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF
12 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO CALL A CONVENTION, UPON THE
13 APPLICATION OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE STATES, FOR THE LIMITED
14 PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES
15 CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL
16 GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENT AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS
18 AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

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

25 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to accrue

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1 unsustainable increases in the national debt, obligating New
2 Mexico's citizens and future generations to insurmountable
3 financial burdens; and

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

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

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

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislature hereby
25 applies to congress, under the provisions of Article 5 of the

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

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