

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF STATES UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE
12 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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14 WHEREAS, to preserve the state's financial solvency and
15 integrity, the state is required to operate within a balanced
16 budget; and

17 WHEREAS, the federal government continues to accrue
18 substantial increases in the national debt that obligate New
19 Mexicans and future generations to insurmountable financial
20 burdens; and

21 WHEREAS, otherwise necessary federal regulatory
22 protections become costly, unworkable and oppressive when
23 congested by an excess of unnecessary and obsolete rules and
24 mandates and cause hardships on New Mexico's local governments,
25 small businesses and working families; and

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1 WHEREAS, a professionalized congress, whose members are
2 more subject to the power of organized pressure groups than to
3 the interests of the majority of United States citizens, fails
4 in its service to those citizens and proves unresponsive to
5 fiscal excess and government overreach; and

6 WHEREAS, constitutionally applied mechanisms for
7 establishing sound requirements for accountability of federal
8 spending, regulation and public service are necessary to the
9 well-being of the people;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature of New Mexico hereby
12 applies to congress, under the provisions of Article 5 of the
13 United States constitution, for the calling of a convention of
14 the states limited to proposing amendment to the United States
15 constitution for consideration by all fifty states to impose
16 fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power
17 and jurisdiction of the federal government and to limit the
18 terms for its officials and for members of congress; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
20 delivered, within thirty days of its passage, to the president
21 of the United States senate, the secretary of the United States
22 senate, the speaker of the United States house of
23 representatives, the clerk of the United States house of
24 representatives and the New Mexico congressional delegation;
25 and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitutes a
2 continuing petition in accordance with Article 5 of the United
3 States constitution until the legislatures of at least two-
4 thirds of the several states have made application for an
5 equivalently limited constitutional convention.

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