

**JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONVENTION TO
AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for a convention of the states to discuss potential amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Highlighted Provisions:

This joint resolution:

► expresses support for a convention of the states for the purpose of discussing potential amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government;

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

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

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of



the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people – particularly for the generations to come – by proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, members of Utah's congressional delegation, and the state legislators of the other 50 states, requesting their cooperation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this joint resolution constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

Legislative Review Note
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