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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2010**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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1           Whereas, the founders of the Constitution of the United States  
2 empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future  
3 abuses of power by the federal government; and

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

6           Whereas, the federal government has invaded the legitimate role of  
7 the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of  
8 which are unfunded to a great extent; and

9           Whereas, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper  
10 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

11           Whereas, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty  
12 of our people, particularly for the generations to come, and to propose  
13 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention  
14 of the states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and  
15 related abuses of power.

16 Therefore

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
18 the Senate concurring:

19           1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United  
20 States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the  
21 Congress of the United States to call a convention of the states limited  
22 to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that  
23 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and  
24 jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for  
25 federal officials and for members of Congress.

26           2. That this application constitutes a continuing application in  
27 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until  
28 at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made  
29 application on the same subjects.

30           3. That this application is revoked, withdrawn, nullified and  
31 superseded, retroactive to the date of enactment, if the application is  
32 used for the purpose of calling a convention or is used in support of  
33 conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for  
34 any purpose other than to impose fiscal restraints on the federal  
35 government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government or  
36 limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

37           4. That the Legislature of the State of Arizona may provide further  
38 instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for  
39 a breach of duty or a violation of the instructions provided. The Arizona  
40 delegates are instructed to not support term limits for members of  
41 Congress that would limit their number of years in any given office to  
42 fewer than twelve years.

1           5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a  
2 copy of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United  
3 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
4 Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the  
5 presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures,  
6 requesting their cooperation.