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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

APPLYING TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CALL A CONVENTION FOR
PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REQUIRE
THAT THE CONGRESS ADOPT A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
2 Senate concurring:

3 1. That, pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United
4 States, the Legislature of the State of Arizona formally applies to the
5 Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of
6 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring
7 that in the absence of a national emergency, the total of all federal
8 appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the
9 total of all estimated federal revenue for that fiscal year, together with
10 any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

11 2. That this application is to be considered as covering the same
12 subject matter as the currently outstanding balanced budget applications from
13 Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa,
14 Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New
15 Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas, and shall be aggregated with
16 those applications for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of the states
17 necessary to require the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated
18 with any applications on any other subjects.

19 3. That this application constitutes a continuing application in
20 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at
21 least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made
22 application on the same subject, and supersedes all previous applications by
23 this Legislature on the same subject.

24 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy
25 of this Resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States
26 Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,
27 each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona and the presiding officers
28 of each house of the several state legislatures.