

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER**

**Introduced: 1/17/12**

**Referred: Finance**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call a Constitutional Convention to propose an**  
2 **amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a majority of**  
3 **state legislatures to increase the federal debt limit.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** it is in the national interest for the federal government to live within its  
6 means and not to continue to increase the federal debt limit; and

7 **WHEREAS** the United States moves more deeply into debt as its expenditures exceed  
8 its available revenue, and, with recent increases, the federal debt limit now exceeds \$15  
9 trillion; and

10 **WHEREAS** the federal budget annually reflects the unwillingness or inability of the  
11 federal government to spend in conformity with available revenue; and

12 **WHEREAS** the goal of controlling the federal debt limit and federal government  
13 spending would be advanced by the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the  
14 United States requiring the approval of a majority of state legislatures to increase the federal  
15 debt limit; and

1           **WHEREAS**, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, on the  
2 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, the United States Congress shall call  
3 a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of  
4 the United States; and

5           **WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature supports the proposal and ratification of an  
6 amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a majority of the  
7 legislatures of the separate states to increase the federal debt limit;

8           **BE IT RESOLVED** that, as provided for in Article V of the Constitution of the  
9 United States, the Alaska State Legislature respectfully makes application to the United States  
10 Congress to call a Constitutional Convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment  
11 to the Constitution of the United States requiring approval of a majority of the legislatures of  
12 the separate states to increase the federal debt limit; and be it

13           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in  
14 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of  
15 the legislatures of the several states have made application for a similar Constitutional  
16 Convention; and be it

17           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of  
18 the other 49 states to make the same application.

19           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of  
20 the United States; the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and  
21 President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, President pro tempore of the  
22 U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Boehner, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the  
23 Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Karen L. Haas, Clerk  
24 of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable  
25 Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
26 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and the presiding officers of the legislatures of each of the  
27 other 49 states.