

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose**
2 **amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the**
3 **federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and**
4 **limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and urging the legislatures of**
5 **the other 49 states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the**
6 **states.**

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

8 **WHEREAS** the founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state
9 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal
10 government; and

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

13 **WHEREAS** the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states
14 through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded; and

1 **WHEREAS** it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of the people,
 2 particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the
 3 United States through a convention of the states under art. V to place clear restraints on these
 4 and related abuses of power;

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** that, under art. V, Constitution of the United States, the Alaska
 6 State Legislature respectfully applies to the United States Congress to call a convention of the
 7 states for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States
 8 that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the
 9 federal government, and limit the terms of office of federal government officials; and be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing application in
 11 accordance with art. V, Constitution of the United States, until at least two-thirds of the
 12 legislatures of the several states have applied for a similar convention of the states; and be it

13 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the legislatures of
 14 the other 49 states to apply to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

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