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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE  
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered State  
Legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of  
power by the federal government; and

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

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; and

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

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1 the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to  
2 come, by preparing Amendments to the Constitution of the United  
3 States through a Convention of the States under Article V to  
4 place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature of New Mexico hereby  
7 applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the  
8 Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a  
9 convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the  
10 Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints  
11 on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of  
12 the federal government and limit the terms of office for its  
13 officials and for Members of Congress; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico secretary of  
15 state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application  
16 to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and  
17 to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of  
18 Representatives, and copies to the members of the Senate and  
19 House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit  
20 copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative  
21 houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this application constitute a  
23 continuing application in accordance with Article V of the  
24 Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at  
25 least two-thirds of the several states have made applications

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