

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1611**

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress  
2 of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing  
3 amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits on  
4 the federal government.

5 WHEREAS, The founders of our Constitution empowered state  
6 legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the  
7 federal government; and

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

10 WHEREAS, The federal government has invaded the legitimate roles  
11 of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of  
12 which are unfunded to a great extent; and

13 WHEREAS, The federal government has ceased to live under a proper  
14 interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of  
16 our people □ particularly for the generations to come □ by proposing  
17 amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention  
18 of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and  
19 related abuses of power: Now, therefore,

20 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Kansas, two-thirds of*  
21 *the members elected (or appointed) to the Senate and two-thirds of the*  
22 *members elected (or appointed) to the House of Representatives*  
23 *concurring therein:* The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby applies to  
24 Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the  
25 United States, ***for the calling of a convention of the states limited to***  
26 ***proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States*** that  
27 impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and  
28 jurisdiction of the federal government and limit the terms of office for its  
29 officials and for members of Congress; and

30 *Be it further resolved:* This application constitutes a continuing  
31 application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United  
32 States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have  
33 made application on the same subject; and

34 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an

1 enrolled copy of this resolution to the President and the Secretary of the  
2 United States Senate and the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States  
3 House of Representatives, to the members of the United States Senate and  
4 the United States House of Representatives from this state and to the  
5 presiding officers of each of the legislative chambers in the several states.