Senate Resolution No. 272

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY making an application to the Congress of the United States of America for the calling of a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal limits on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for members of Congress and other federal officials

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

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment of the Constitution specifically provides that all powers not delegated to the federal government nor prohibited by the Constitution to the states, are then reserved to the states respectively, or to the people; and

WHEREAS, For many decades, this balance of power was generally respected and followed by those occupying positions of authority in the federal government; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has gradually invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the process of excessive federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, The federal government has created a mounting national debt exceeding $17 trillion; and

WHEREAS, The federal government, and especially the executive branch, has ceased to abide by and respect the proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, by proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a Convention of the states under Article V for the purpose of restraining these and related abuses of power; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of New York believes it to be in the best interest of the people of the United States that Amendments to the Constitution of the United States be considered that impose fiscal limits on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for members of Congress and other federal officials; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED (if the concur), The legislature of the State of New York hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of

the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states, limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose fiscal restraints on the federal

government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for members of Congress and other federal officials; and be it further

RESOLVED (if the &HOUSE concur), This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and be it further

RESOLVED (if the &HOUSE concur), The secretary of state is hereby directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate and to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and copies to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from this State; also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several States, requesting their cooperation.