

Assembly Resolution No. 1002

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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

