A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
applying to Congress to call a convention for the sole
purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of
the United States which impose fiscal restraints on
the Federal Government, limit the power and
jurisdiction of the Federal Government, and limit the
terms of office for federal officials and members of
Congress.

WHEREAS, the Founders of the United States of America
provided in the Constitution of the United States for a limited
Federal Government of express enumerated powers, and

WHEREAS, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution
specifically provides that all powers not delegated to the
Federal Government nor prohibited by the Constitution to the
states are 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, as federal power has expanded over the past
decades, federal spending has exponentially increased to the
extent that it is now decidedly out of balance in relation to
actual revenues or when comparing the ratio of accumulated
public debt to the nation’s gross domestic product, and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Federal Government’s accumulated
public debt exceeded $17 trillion, which is more than double
that in 2006, and
WHEREAS, projections of federal deficit spending in the coming decades demonstrate that this power shift and its fiscal impacts are continuing and pose serious threats to the freedom and financial security of the American people and future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Founders of the United States of America provided a procedure in Article V of the Constitution to amend the Constitution on application of two-thirds of the several states, calling a convention for proposing amendments that will be valid to all intents and purposes if ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress, and

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental duty of state legislatures to support, protect, and defend the liberty of the American people, including generations yet to come, by asserting their solemn duty and responsibility under the Constitution to call for a convention under Article V for proposing amendments to the Constitution to reverse and correct the ominous path that the country is now on and to restrain future expansions and abuses of federal power, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida does hereby make application to Congress pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States to call an Article V convention for the sole purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States which:
(a) Impose fiscal restraints on the Federal Government.

(b) Limit the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

(c) Limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

(2) That these three proposed amendment categories are severable from one another and may be counted individually toward the required two-thirds number of applications made by the state legislatures for the calling of an Article V convention.

(3) That this memorial is revoked and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of the United States for any purpose other than imposing fiscal restraints on the Federal Government, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the Federal Government, or limiting the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress.

(4) That 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 one or more of the three proposed amendment categories listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.