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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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*Applying to the United States Congress for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for Members of Congress.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Whereas, the Founders of the United States Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against excessive use of power by the federal government; and

Whereas, the federal government has created a mounting national debt exceeding \$17 trillion through improper and imprudent spending; and

Whereas, the federal government has usurped the legitimate roles of the states through unfunded federal mandates; and

Whereas, the federal government has ceased to operate under a proper interpretation of the Tenth Amendment to 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 to place clear restraints on these and related excessive uses of power; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia hereby applies to the United States 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 United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for Members of Congress; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Clerk of the House of Delegates 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 to the members of the said Senate and House of Representatives from the Commonwealth and also to transmit copies hereof to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states, requesting their cooperation; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, 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 the same subject.

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