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May 15, 2017

The Honorable Karen Haas  
Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol, Room H154  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Clerk,

Pursuant to section 3(c) of House Resolution 5 (114<sup>th</sup> Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of New Hampshire, received by the House of Representatives in the year 1979, as purporting to be an application of the State legislature calling for a convention for proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States pursuant to Article V, and request that you make it publicly available.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman

# State of New Hampshire

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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I, WILLIAM M. GARDNER, Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached is a true copy of HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 entitled "concerning the budget of the United States" passed April 26, 1979 and placed on file in this office and held in my custody as Secretary of State.

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In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the State, at Concord, this ...27th... day of .April A.D. 19 79

*William M. Gardner*  
Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the year of Our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and seventy-nine*

A RESOLUTION

*concerning the budget of the United States*

WHEREAS, with each passing year this Nation becomes more deeply in debt as its expenditures grossly and repeatedly exceed available revenues, so that the public debt now exceeds hundreds of billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the annual federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to available revenues; and

WHEREAS, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of the exclusion of special outlays which are not included in the budget nor subject to the legal public debt limit; and

WHEREAS, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence, and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in balance; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Hampshire has long been known for its sensible, prudent approach to governmental spending; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire example of fiscal responsibility is a model for all to follow; and

WHEREAS, we believe that fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat which faces our Nation, we firmly believe that constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Constitution of the United States, amendments to the Federal Constitution may be proposed by the Congress whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, or on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states the Congress shall call a constitutional convention for the purpose of proposing amendments which shall be valid to all intents and purposes when ratified by three-fourths of the several states. We believe such action vital; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire, that this body proposes to the Congress of the United States that procedures be instituted in the Congress to propose and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that the federal budget be balanced in the absence of a national emergency; and be it further



RESOLVED, that, alternatively, this body respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget and to make certain exceptions with respect thereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this application by this body constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states have made similar application pursuant to Article V, but if Congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in subject matter to that contained in this House Concurrent Resolution, then this petition for a Constitutional Convention shall no longer be of any force or effect; and be it further

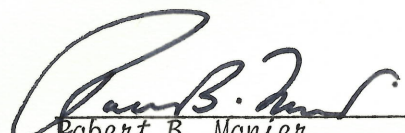
RESOLVED, that this application and request be deemed null and void, rescinded, and of no effect in the event that such convention not be limited to such specific and exclusive purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Body also proposes that the legislature of each of the several states comprising the United States apply to the Congress requesting the enactment of an appropriate amendment to the Federal Constitution; or requiring the Congress to call a constitutional convention for proposing such an amendment to the Federal Constitution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of State and presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of each of the several states in the Union, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and to each member of the New Hampshire named Congressional delegation.

Passed: April 26, 1979

  
George B. Roberts, Jr.  
Speaker of the House

  
Robert B. Monier  
President of the Senate



Attest:

  
William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State