

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution making a formal application to Congress to call a convention for the sole
2 purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a
3 balanced federal budget.

4 **WHEREAS**, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the
5 application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention for
6 proposing amendments; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this application is to be considered as covering the balanced budget
8 amendment language of the presently outstanding balanced budget applications from other
9 states; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this application shall be aggregated for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds
11 necessary to require the calling of a convention for proposing a balanced budget amendment,
12 but shall not be aggregated with any applications on any other subject; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this application is a continuing application until the legislatures of at least
14 two-thirds of the states have made applications on the same subject; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly deems an amendment to the
16 Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced federal budget to be necessary for the
17 good of the American people;

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
19 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

20 That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to call a
21 convention of the states limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
22 States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency the total of all federal
23 appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all

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1 estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal
2 restraints; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
4 to the President and Secretary of the Senate and the Speaker and Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives of the Congress, to each member of the United States Congressional
6 Delegation, and also to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses
7 in the United States, requesting their cooperation.