

Introduced by

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Representative Thoreson

1 A concurrent resolution providing for the application for an amendments convention to the
2 Constitution of the United States to be called for the purpose of proposing an amendment that
3 provides that an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the
4 legislatures of the separate states.

5 **WHEREAS**, Article V of the Constitution of the United States provides authority for a
6 convention to be called by the Congress of the United States for the purpose of proposing
7 amendments to the Constitution of the United States upon application of two-thirds of the
8 legislatures of the several states--an amendments convention; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly favors the proposal and ratification of
10 an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that provides that an increase in the
11 federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states;

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

14 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of the state of North Dakota respectfully applies
15 for an amendments convention to the Constitution of the United States to be called for the
16 purpose of proposing an amendment that provides that an increase in the federal debt requires
17 approval from a majority of the legislatures of the separate states; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the amendments convention contemplated by this
19 application must be focused entirely upon and exclusively limited to the subject matter of
20 proposing for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that
21 an increase in the federal debt requires approval from a majority of the legislatures of the
22 separate states; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this application constitutes a continuing application in
24 accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until at least two-thirds of the

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1 legislatures of the several states have made application for an equivalently limited amendments
2 convention; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
4 to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of
5 Representatives, to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and to the
6 presiding officers of each house of the several state legislatures, requesting their cooperation in
7 applying for the amendments convention limited to the subject matter contemplated by this
8 application.