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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 Arizona, 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.

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Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF ARIZONA SS.

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ROSE MOFFORD, Secretary of State,

do hereby certify that the attached document is a true, correct, and complete copy of senate joint resolution 1002, thirty-fourth legislature, first regular session, 1979; that I am the official of the state of arizona having custody and control of the original of said copy and the legal keeper thereof.

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In Mitness Mhereot I have hereunto set, my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona. Done at Phoenix, the capital, this > 10th > day of > April > A.D. = 1979=

SECRETARY OF STATE.
ROSE MOFFORD

State of Arizona Senate Thirty-fourth Legislature First Regular Session 1979

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1002

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES REQUIRING THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY THE TOTAL OF ALL FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL OF ALL ESTIMATED FEDERAL REVENUES FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.

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 3 Whereas, the annual federal budget continually demonstrates an unwillingness or inability of both the legislative and executive branches 5 of the federal government to curtail spending to conform to available 7 revenues: and Whereas, unified budgets do not reflect actual spending because of 8 the exclusion of special outlays which are not included in the budget nor 9 subject to the legal public debt limit; and 10 Whereas, knowledgeable planning, fiscal prudence and plain good sense require that the budget reflect all federal spending and be in 11 12 13 balance; and Whereas, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level, with the 14 inflation which results from this policy, is the greatest threat facing our 15 16 nation; and Whereas, constitutional restraint is necessary to bring the fiscal 17 discipline needed to restore financial responsibility; and 18

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.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

- 1. That the Congress of the United States institute procedures to add a new article to the Constitution of the United States and that the Congress of the United States prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.
- 2. That, alternatively, the Congress of the United States call a constitutional convention for the specific and exclusive purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring in the absence of a national emergency that the total of all federal appropriations made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year.
- 3. That this application 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 applications pursuant to Article V, but if Congress proposes an amendment to the Constitution identical in subject matter to that contained in this joint Resolution then this petition for a constitutional convention shall no longer be of any force or effect.
- 4. That the legislatures 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.
- 5. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, to each Member of the Arizona Congressional Delegation and to the Secretary of State and the presiding officers of both houses of the legislature of each of the other states in the Union.

Passed the Senate - February 15, 1979 by the following vote: 27 Ayes, 3 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Passed the House - March 9, 1979 by the following vote: 49 Ayes, 8 Nays,

3 Not Voting

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Received by the Secretary of State - March 22, 1979