

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
 5 MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO ~~CALL A CONVENTION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING~~  
 6 SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A BALANCED  
 7 FEDERAL BUDGET EXCEPT IN TIMES OF A CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF WAR.

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 9 WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution provides ~~that upon the application of the~~  
 10 ~~legislatures of two-thirds of the states, Congress shall call a convention~~ METHODS for proposing amendments; and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Montana deems an amendment for the United States Constitution requiring  
 12 a balanced federal budget, EXCEPT IN TIMES OF A CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF WAR, necessary for the good  
 13 of the American people.

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 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
 16 STATE OF MONTANA:

17 That the Legislature of the State of Montana ~~makes application to the Congress under~~ IN ACCORDANCE  
 18 WITH the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution ~~to call a convention for the sole purpose of~~  
 19 ~~proposing~~ SUPPORTS an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget,  
 20 EXCEPT IN TIMES OF A CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF WAR, and TO prevent the federal government from  
 21 appropriating or otherwise spending funds in excess of anticipated revenues.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be dispatched to the Majority Leader of the  
 23 United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Secretaries of the  
 24 United States and Montana Senates, to the Clerks of the United States and Montana Houses of Representatives,  
 25 to each member of the Montana congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of each house of the  
 26 Legislature of each state in the Union requesting their cooperation.

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