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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13
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6	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7	MONTANA APPLYING FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE
8	CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT
9	TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT REQUIRES A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET.
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11	WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution of the United States mandates that upon the "Application of
12	the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States" Congress "shall call a Convention for proposing
13	Amendments"; and
14	WHEREAS, the Legislature deems an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a
15	balanced federal budget is necessary for the good of the American people.
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17	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
18	THE STATE OF MONTANA:
19	(1) The Legislature of the State of Montana hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of
20	Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing
21	an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring that in the absence of a national emergency
22	the total of all federal outlays made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the total of all estimated
23	federal revenues for that fiscal year, together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.
24	(2) This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the
25	Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made
26	applications on the same subject.
27	(3) The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this application to the President and
28	Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,



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and the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives from this state.

- 2 The Secretary of State is also directed to transmit copies to the presiding officers of each of the legislative
- 3 houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

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