



RECOMMENDED

RESOLUTION NO 2021-02

**RESOLUTION URGING THE RESCINDING OF ALL
ARTICLE V CONVENTION APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Alabama, acting with the best of intentions, has previously made application to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of Article V thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence proclaims that “it is the right of the people to alter or abolish” their form of government whenever it fails to secure their rights, thus implying that a convention of representatives of the sovereign people in an Article V convention for proposing amendments would have the inherent power to propose sweeping changes to the Constitution (also known as a runaway convention) any limitation or restrictions purportedly imposed by the states in applying for such a convention to the contrary notwithstanding – thereby creating an imminent peril to the well-established rights of the citizens and the duties of various levels of government as defined by our present Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America has been amended many times in the history of this nation and may be amended many more times without the need to resort to an Article V convention, and it has been interpreted for more than two hundred years and has been found to be a sound document which protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, there is no need for – but there is great danger in – subjecting our form of government to sweeping changes that would undermine the philosophical foundation set by the Declaration of Independence and by the Constitution which holds that governments are instituted to protect God-given rights, and to instead create chaos by beginning once again the tumultuous process of litigation over the meaning and interpretation of such changes; and

WHEREAS, the “father of our Constitution”, James Madison, in The Federalist No. 49, advised against calling a constitutional convention except on “great and extraordinary occasions”, but never to restrain “the several departments of power within their constitutional limits”, for this “would be neither a proper nor an effectual provision for that purpose”; and

WHEREAS, the only viable solution for reining in the federal government in our constitutional republic, without risking further loss of liberty, is an informed electorate represented by informed public officials of high moral character, each holding all public officials accountable to our existing Constitution with its principles of limited government, rather than risking a runaway Article V convention; and

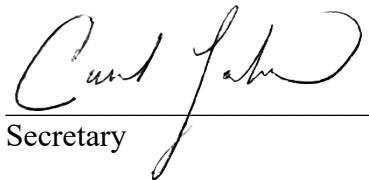
WHEREAS, our problems arise from the people and their representatives not knowing and enforcing the present U.S. Constitution; and no amendment can be effective unless and until it can be practicably enforced;

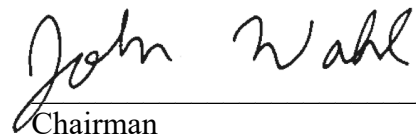
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alabama Republican Executive Committee that the Legislature of the State of Alabama be requested to rescind all applications by the Legislature of the State of Alabama to the Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America pursuant to Article V thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alabama Republican Executive Committee urges each member of the Alabama Legislature to oppose any and all other or additional applications to Congress of the United States of America to call a convention to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America pursuant to the terms of Article V thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the Legislature of the State of Alabama.

This resolution adopted this 27th day of February 2021 by the Executive Committee of the Alabama Republican Party in session at Montgomery, Alabama.


Secretary


Chairman

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