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February 19, 2015

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 (114th Congress), I hereby designate the attached Memorial from the State of Florida, received by the House of Representatives in the year 2014, 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.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman

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A memorial to the Congress of the United States, applying to Congress to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which requires a balanced federal budget.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida passed Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 on April 21, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 made application to Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States for two purposes: to achieve and maintain a balanced federal budget and to control the ability of Congress and federal executive agencies to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida desires to conform to the single subject applications from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas and limit its application to Congress for the sole purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced federal budget, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida hereby applies to Congress, under Article V of the Constitution of the

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30 United States, to call a convention limited to proposing an  
31 amendment to the Constitution requiring that, in the absence of  
32 a national emergency, the total of all federal appropriations  
33 made by the Congress for any fiscal year may not exceed the  
34 total of all estimated federal revenues for that fiscal year,  
35 together with any related and appropriate fiscal restraints.

36 (2) That this application is to be considered as covering  
37 the same subject matter as the presently outstanding balanced  
38 budget applications from other states and is to be aggregated  
39 with the applications from those states for the purpose of  
40 attaining the two-thirds number of states necessary to require  
41 the calling of a convention, but may not be aggregated with  
42 applications on any other subject calling for a constitutional  
43 convention under Article V of the United States Constitution.

44 (3) That this application constitutes a continuing  
45 application in accordance with Article V until the legislatures  
46 of at least two-thirds of the states have made applications on  
47 the same subject and supersedes all previous applications by  
48 this Legislature on the same subject.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
50 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
51 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
52 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
53 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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