



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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1 **Relating to:** application to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the
2 Constitution of the United States for a convention for proposing amendments
3 relating to a balanced budget.

4 Whereas, previous presidential administrations and Congress have allowed an
5 unprecedented amount of federal debt to accumulate, which currently exceeds \$20
6 trillion; and

7 Whereas, a report by President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal
8 Responsibility and Reform issued a warning on the debt levels, stating: "If the U.S.
9 does not put its house in order, the reckoning will be sure and the devastation severe";
10 and

11 Whereas, the Constitution of the United States does not currently require the
12 federal government to operate under a balanced budget; and

13 Whereas, members of both political parties and both houses of Congress have
14 called for a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States to
15 no avail; and

