

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, the founders of this great nation set forth on the Earth an enduring Republic and charged future generations with the solemn duty of its preservation; and

Whereas, the Constitution of these United States, which is the cornerstone of this Republic, establishes the process to propose and ratify amendments to itself, including a process reserved for the state legislatures in Article V of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri recognizes that this process to amend the United States Constitution should by right be held in esteem, worthy of the sacrifice of our founders; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri recognizes that a preexisting set of rules and procedures to convene a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the United States Constitution is desirable to ensure that such a convention functions effectively and decisively; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri recognizes that the Assembly of State Legislatures, made up of a bipartisan group of state legislators from 45 states, has met over a period of four years to carefully craft and consider rules and procedures for the convening of an Article V convention:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby declares that should a convention for proposing amendments under Article V of the United States Constitution be called, the State of Missouri supports the adoption of the rules and procedures adopted by the Assembly of State Legislatures on June 17, 2016 as the official rules and procedures to convene such a convention; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Executive Committee of the Assembly of State Legislatures.