

At a meeting of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on February 12, 2019, on a motion by and passed , the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT VIRGINIA BE ADDED TO THE ROLL OF
STATES ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF AN ARTICLE V
CONVENTION TO CONSIDER CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS RESTORING
AUTHORITY AND RESOURCES TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is a fundamental precept of American government that the best governance is that which is closest, most accessible, and most accountable to the people; and

WHEREAS, it is for this reason that our Constitution strictly limits and defines the powers of the federal government, and explicitly reserves all remaining government functions to the states and the people; and

WHEREAS, in recent decades, the jurisdiction, authority, and resources of the state and local governments have been radically diminished by an ever-growing usurpation of jurisdiction and power by all three branches of the federal government, which has corresponded with an increasing confiscation of tax dollars that could otherwise remain in the state and localities; and

WHEREAS, the realities of human nature and institutional momentum make it a virtual certainty that federal officials will not individually, nor as institutions, ever undertake reforms that would halt or reverse the exponential growth of their own power; and

WHEREAS, unsurprisingly, the decisions, policies, laws, regulations, and actions of our federal officials and institutions in Washington, DC, are unresponsive to the unique needs and situations of individual state and localities, and

WHEREAS, neither state and local leaders nor individual citizens have any meaningful way to impact or influence the decision-making of the federal officials and institutions which are now dictating many of the policies that govern them, and

WHEREAS, because systematic overreaching by all three branches of the federal government has gone unchecked at the federal level and resulted in *de facto* revisions of our

Constitution to expand federal power and jurisdiction, the only proper, effective recourse is through the proposal and ratification of constitutional amendments that reject the perversions of constitutional language, reinstate the needed limitations on federal power and jurisdiction, and restore the authority of the state and local governments which are most responsive to the people, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution provides for the proposal of constitutional amendments on specific topics through a meeting (convention) of the states and for the subsequent ratification of such amendments by three-fourths (38) of the states,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors, fulfilling its duty to serve the best interests of its constituents, hereby calls upon the Virginia State Legislature, especially Senator Thomas K. Norment and Delegate Christopher Peace, the elected representatives of those constituents, to advance and adopt with all possible speed, the legislative resolutions adding Virginia to the roll of the many other states which have adopted resolutions to trigger an Article V convention of the states to draft, consider, debate and propose constitutional amendments which would restore the proper measure of authority and resources to the levels of government closest and most responsive to the people.

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