



### Resolution Opposing an Article V Convention of States

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land and has served as the foundation of our Republic for over two centuries; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the Constitution provides for a convention to propose amendments upon the application of two-thirds of the state legislatures, but does not provide clear rules or limitations on the scope, delegate selection, or ratification process of such a convention; and

WHEREAS, historical precedent, including the 1787 Constitutional Convention, demonstrates that such conventions can exceed their original mandate and fundamentally alter the structure of government; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has previously considered applications for an Article V Convention, and continued pressure from national organizations threatens to revive such efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan 6th Congressional District Republican Committee (6<sup>th</sup> CDRC) affirms its commitment to constitutional fidelity, limited government, and the protection of individual liberties; and

WHEREAS, Founding Father James Madison, in his November 2, 1788 letter to George Lee Turberville, warned that calling another general convention would be “courted by the most violent partizans,” would “no doubt contain individuals of insidious views,” and would give them “a dangerous opportunity of sapping the very foundations of the fabric,” thereby risking discord and harm to the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, James Madison and other Founders, as seen by their writings, advocated for state interposition, nullification, congressional action and electoral accountability as the proper remedies for federal overreach—not structural amendments through yet another Article V national convention; and

WHEREAS, proponents of an Article V Convention of States claim that any such convention would be limited to the commissions issued by state legislatures, and further claim that judicial action could be used to enforce such limits; however, extensive historical documentation and legal precedent demonstrate that no court has ever upheld such limitations, and that conventions—both historically and in binding case law—are recognized as assemblies representing the sovereign power of the people, not the states, and thus cannot be legally constrained or restricted by state-imposed mandates or instructions, as affirmed by multiple state supreme court decisions, including Mississippi, Iowa, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Texas, Constitutional Convention records, and authoritative legal summaries such as



Corpus Juris Secundum, all of which establish that a 'limited' convention is a myth and that delegates, once convened, may exercise full sovereign authority beyond legislative control; and

Whereas, the Republican National Committee (RNC) and several other States and Republican State Legislatures have passed resolutions opposing an Article V Convention;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Michigan 6th Congressional District Republican Committee opposes any application by the Michigan Legislature for an Article V Convention of States;
2. That the 6<sup>th</sup> CDRC calls upon the Michigan Republican Party State Committee (MIGOP) to adopt this resolution and join us in urging the Michigan Legislature to reject any and all efforts to convene an Article V Convention;
3. That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Issues Committee of the MIGOP, the Republican National Committee, all Republican members of the Michigan Legislature, and the chairs of all county Republican parties in the state of Michigan.

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