

**RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR
PROPOSING CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT
TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

This resolution passed unanimously in a ^{voice} ~~floor~~ vote of the Wells Republican Town Committee at their Nov 18 2021 (date) meeting, Chairman Nancy Ford presiding.

WHEREAS, legislative term limits improve citizen access to office, broaden the range of experience in a political body, improve incentives faced by lawmakers, and mandate competitive elections at regular intervals;

WHEREAS, recent national polling (Scott Rasmussen National Survey of 1,200 Registered Voters Conducted October 5-6, 2021) indicates 82% of voters of all parties continue to support term limits, **including 87% of Republicans**, 83% Democrats, and 78% of Independents;

WHEREAS, The States ratified the 22nd Amendment for Presidential Term Limits in 1951, and what is good for the presidency should be good for the Congress;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States (*U.S. Term Limits v Thornton, 1995*) declared that term limits for Congress could only be imposed by a constitutional amendment;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has for decades refused to send a Congressional Term Limits Amendment to the States for ratification in spite of broad popular support;

WHEREAS, Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides an alternate means of proposing constitutional amendments via a single-topic convention for proposing an amendment that does not require a Congressional vote;

WHEREAS, upon receiving applications from two-thirds of the state legislatures, Congress must call a convention for the purpose of proposing the amendment concurred in the applications.;

THE WELLS REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE HEREBY RESOLVES that it requests the Maine Legislature pass an Article V application for a convention to propose an amendment for the sole and specific purpose of limiting the terms of office for the members of the U.S. House and Senate.

Date 11/18/21 Chairman Nancy E Ford (Print Name)

Nancy E Ford (Signature)