

**RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING
A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT**

This resolution passed by a floor vote of the Androscoggin County Republican Committee at their 3/10/22 (date) meeting, Chair Steve Bannister.

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 (*ScottRasmussen.com 10/11/2021) indicates 82% of voters of all parties continue to support term limits for Congress, including 87% of Republicans, 83% of 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 would be good for the Congress;

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has steadfastly 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 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 ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN 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 3/10/22 Chair Steve Bannister (Print Name)
Steve Bannister (Signature)