

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

This resolution passed by a floor vote of the Oxford County Republican Committee at their April 12, 2022 (date) meeting, Chair Joe Martin, 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 (*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 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 OXFORD 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 04-12-2022 Chair JOSEPH E. MARTIN (Print Name)

Joseph E. Martin (Signature)

* <https://scottrasmussen.com/82-favor-term-limits/>