

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

This resolution was passed by the Franklin County Republican Committee at their  
May 12, 2022 meeting. ~~Chairman Bill Crandall~~ presiding.

*Vice Chair Amy Ward*

**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 (Rasmussen 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 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 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**, the delegates at the 2022 Maine Republican Party State Convention overwhelmingly supported this effort by adding an endorsement amendment for it to the party platform;

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides an alternate means of proposing constitutional amendments that do 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 FRANKLIN 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.

Vice  
Chair *Amy N Ward* (Print name)

Date *05.12.2022*

*Amy N Ward* (Signature)