

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0002

Resolution-U.S. constitution requiring a balanced budget.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Kroeker and Senator(s)  
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for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress submit to the states  
2 a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution  
3 requiring a balanced budget except in times of war or  
4 declared national emergency.

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6 WHEREAS, the necessity, importance and benefit of a  
7 balanced budget is evident; and

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9 WHEREAS, Congress is expected to use its full range of  
10 legislative powers to reach and maintain a balanced budget;  
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13 WHEREAS, continued deficit spending demonstrates an  
14 unwillingness or inability of the federal executive and

1 legislative branches to spend no more than the available  
2 revenues; and

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4 WHEREAS, fiscal irresponsibility at the federal level is  
5 lowering the standard of living, destroying jobs, inflating  
6 the currency and endangering economic opportunities now and  
7 for the next generation; and

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9 WHEREAS, the requirement for maintaining a balanced budget  
10 should be subject to waiver in times of declared war or  
11 when two-thirds of both Houses of Congress and the  
12 President declare a national emergency.

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14 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*  
15 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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17 **Section 1.** That procedures be instituted in Congress  
18 to add a new Article to the Constitution of the United  
19 States, and that Congress prepare and submit to the several  
20 states an amendment to the United States Constitution,  
21 requiring that in the absence of a declared national  
22 emergency or war, the total of all expenditures for any  
23 fiscal year shall not exceed the total of estimated

1 revenues, excluding any revenues derived from borrowing,  
2 for that fiscal year.

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4       **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
5 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
6 United States, to the President of the Senate and the  
7 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United  
8 States Congress, legislative leadership of the other forty-  
9 nine (49) states and to the Wyoming Congressional  
10 Delegation, with a request that the Wyoming Congressional  
11 delegation take all reasonable and necessary actions to  
12 initiate the amendment process to amend the Constitution of  
13 the United States consistent with this resolution and that  
14 this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional  
15 record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States  
16 of America.

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