

# RESOLUTION NO. 2021.009

## URGING THE OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO ADD OHIO TO THE ROLL OF STATES WHICH HAVE ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS TO TRIGGER AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

**WHEREAS**, it is a fundamental precept of American government that the best governance is that which is closest, most accessible, and most accountable to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, it is for this reason that our Constitution strictly limits and defines the power of the federal government, and explicitly reserves all remaining government functions to the states and the people; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent decades, the jurisdiction, authority, and resources of the state and local governments have been radically diminished by an ever-growing usurpation of jurisdiction and power by all three branches of the federal government, which has corresponded with an increasing confiscation of tax dollars that could otherwise remain in the states and localities; and

**WHEREAS**, the realities of human nature and institutional momentum make it a virtual certainty that federal officials will not individually, nor as institutions, ever undertake reforms that would halt or reserve the exponential growth of their own power; and

**WHEREAS**, unsurprisingly, the decisions, policies, laws, regulations, and actions of our federal officials and institutions in Washington, DC, are unresponsive to the unique needs and situations of individual states and localities; and

**WHEREAS**, neither state and local leaders nor individual citizens have any meaningful way to impact or influence the decision-making of the federal officials and institutions which are now dictating many of the policies that govern them; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the state and local leaders to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Ohio Constitution, and to use their positions of public trust in the best interest of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs and interests of the people of our state and local communities can only be adequately served through a restoration of the authority and resources originally reserved to the state and local levels of government; and

**WHEREAS**, because systematic overreaching by all three branches of the federal government has gone unchecked at the federal level and resulted in de facto revision of our Constitution to expand federal power and jurisdiction, the only proper, effective recourse is through the proposal and ratification of constitutional amendments that reject the perversions of constitutional language, reinstate the needed limitations on federal power and jurisdiction, and restore the authority of the state and local governments which are most responsive to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the Constitution provides for the proposal of constitutional amendments on specific topics through a meeting (convention) of the states, and for the subsequent ratification of such amendments by three-fourths (38) of the states;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Blanchester, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring, that:

**Section 1.** The Council of the Village of Blanchester hereby calls upon the Senate and Assembly of the Ohio State Legislature, especially Senator Bob Peterson and Representative Shane Wilkin, the elected representatives of those constituents, to advance and adopt with all possible speed, the concurrent legislative resolutions adding Ohio to the roll of the many other states which have adopted resolutions to trigger an Article V Convention of States which are limited to Fiscal Responsibility, Term Limits, and Reining in the Scope, Power and Jurisdiction of the Federal Government, to draft, consider, debate and propose constitutional amendments which, once

ratified, would restore the proper measure of authority and resources to the levels of government closest and most responsive to the people.

**Section 2.** The Resolution shall be effective from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Gary Bauer moved the adoption and Harry Brumbaugh seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Bauer-	Yea.
Mr. Brumbaugh-	Yea.
Mr. Gephart-	Yea.
Mr. Hollon-	Yea.
Mr. Hopkins-	Yea.
Mr. Simpson-	<i>Absent.</i>

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2021.

  
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John Carman, Mayor  
  
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Attest: Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer's Certificate:

The State of Ohio, County of Clinton, ss:

I, Jewelie Casteel, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, and in whose custody the Files, Journals, and Records are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Village, that the foregoing Resolution has been compared by me with the said original and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof, and has been posted as required by law. This Resolution has been duly published by posting in the following places: Blanchester Municipal Building, 318 E. Main St.; First National Bank, 121 E. Main St.; Blanchester Post Office, 115 S. Wright St.; Tom's Express Mart, 7529 Fairground Rd.; and at the Blanchester Public Library, 110 N. Broadway St., each for a period of fifteen (15) days commencing on the 13th day of May, 2021.

Witness my signature this 13th day of May, 2021.

  
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Fiscal Officer of the Village of Blanchester, Clinton County, Ohio

