

**RESOLUTION ON ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING**

**A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT**

**This resolution passed by a floor vote of the Ashtabula County Republican Committee at their June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 meeting, Chairman Frye 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 (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 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 REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ASHTABULA COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES that it requests the Ohio 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.**



**Chairman, Ashtabula County Republican Party**