

A Resolution to Keep the Number of Supreme Court Justices to Nine

WHEREAS, the “Keep Nine Amendment” is a Bipartisan effort sponsored by U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and Representative Dusty Johnson and is gaining momentum with over 100 Congressional member supporters plus former justice supporters Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Steven Breyer;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution provides no specific instruction for the number of U.S. Justices that constitute the Supreme Court but for over 150 years, the Supreme Court has consisted of nine Justices;

WHEREAS, in order to prohibit a future Congress or President from manipulating the number of Supreme Court Justices for political advantage, both the U.S. House and Senate have initiated legislation to secure the number with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that reads: “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices”; and

WHEREAS, the practice of “packing the court” for political advantage greatly decreases the confidence of Americans that the Supreme Court exists as an independent branch of government with checks and balances that protect citizens’ Constitutional rights.

Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts Republican Party supports the “Keep Nine Amendment” and urges Congress to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that prohibits changing the number of Supreme Court justices but rather keeps the composition to nine justices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded by the Massachusetts Republican Party to both Massachusetts senators in the U.S. Senate and all nine representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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