

Washington, D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA), a member of the 10th Amendment Task Force, today issued the following statement commemorating the 224th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution by delegates to the Constitutional Convention. Constitution Day occurs on September 17th, and it marks the anniversary of the day in 1787 that 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document that both established the framework of American government and also secured the basic, God-given rights that Americans enjoy.

"It is an amazing testament to the brilliance of the Founding Fathers that the United States Constitution has only been successfully amended 27 times in 224 years," said King. "As Americans commemorate Constitution Day this year, they are doing so at a time when our nation's \$14.7 trillion debt has made the necessity of adding a 28th Amendment to the Constitution, a strong Balanced Budget Amendment, exceedingly clear. If we are to get our fiscal house in order, Congress must send a Balanced Budget Amendment to the states for ratification that: requires a two-thirds vote before spending can exceed the cap of 18% of GDP; requires a two-thirds supermajority vote to increase taxes; requires a three-fifths vote to raise the debt limit; and requires a three-fifths supermajority vote to waive the requirement for a balanced budget. I support adding a Balanced Budget Amendment to the 'supreme Law of the Land', and I encourage Americans to ask Congress to make the passage of a strong Balanced Budget Amendment a top priority."

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