WHEREAS, The proposed “Keep Nine” amendment states that “The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine justices.”.

WHEREAS, The number of Supreme Court justices has remained at nine (9) since 1869.

WHEREAS, The public’s trust in the U.S. Supreme Court must be guided by legal principle, not politics[[1]](#footnote-1);

WHEREAS, Polling[[2]](#footnote-2) shows that a majority of voters (68%) reject “court-packing”, 61% believe those efforts are purely political, and 62% believe that court-packing threatens civil liberties;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine” amendment would help to preserve the independence of the Court and respect for the rule of law;

WHEREAS, The “Keep Nine” amendment would prevent divisive and polarizing attempts by any party or political faction to change the size of the Court;

WHEREAS, Expanding the Supreme Court so a president could load the bench with like-minded jurists would politicize the high court and erode its independence[[3]](#footnote-3);

WHEREAS, Nineteen (19) state legislative chambers have passed resolutions urging Congress to propose the “Keep Nine” amendment;

WHEREAS, More than 200 members of Congress and 800 state legislators support the “Keep Nine” amendment;

WHEREAS, The National Federation of Republican Women unanimously endorsed the “Keep Nine” amendment to ban “packing” of the Supreme Court;

RESOLVED, That the Maryland Federation of Republican Women at its Fall Convention held November 16, 2024 in Linthicum, Maryland, joins with the National Federation of Republican Women in endorsing the “Keep Nine” amendment and encourages the Maryland General Assembly and Maryland’s Congressional delegation to affirm their support for passage of the “Keep Nine” amendment.

Passed unanimously – 16 November 2024



President, Maryland Federation of Republican Women

*Submitted by the Republican Women of Baltimore County -- Louise Baker, President*

1. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, April 2021, addressing Harvard Law School [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://firstliberty.org/news/poll-americans-strongly-oppose-radical-court-reform/ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 2019, interview with NPR [↑](#footnote-ref-3)