

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION PROVIDING FOR A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE IN FURTHERANCE OF A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT
TO HEALTH CARE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 2 of the
constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

"Health care is a fundamental right that is an essential
safeguard of human life and dignity. The state shall ensure
that every resident has the opportunity to realize this right
by establishing a comprehensive system of quality health care
that is accessible to each resident on an equitable basis
regardless of ability to pay; provided that this section does
not commit the state to any specific spending or reform

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SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.