A JOINT RESOLUTION


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:

"A. The people of the state have the natural, inherent and inalienable right to a clean and healthy environment, including water, air, soil, flora, fauna,
ecosystems and climate, and to the protection of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment.

B. The protection of the state's environment is hereby declared to be of fundamental importance to health, safety and the public interest.

C. The state, including its political subdivisions, shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of New Mexico and shall conserve, protect and maintain these resources for the benefit of all New Mexicans, including present and future generations.

D. The provisions of this section are self-executing. Monetary damages shall not be awarded for a violation of this section."

SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 20 of the constitution of New Mexico by repealing Section 21.

SECTION 3. 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.