

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15  
2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION  
11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
12 NEW MEXICO TO PROHIBIT SLAVERY AND INDENTURED SERVITUDE.  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 2, Section 4  
16 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

17 "All persons are born equally free and have certain  
18 natural, inherent and inalienable rights; among which are the  
19 rights of enjoying and defending life and liberty; of  
20 acquiring, possessing and protecting property; and of seeking  
21 and obtaining safety and happiness. Slavery and involuntary  
22 servitude in any form are prohibited."

23 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
24 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
25 rejection at the next general election or at any special

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