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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY ADDING A
NEW SECTION OF ARTICLE 2 THAT PROVIDES THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AND
HEALTHY AIR, WATER, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTS, HEALTHY NATIVE
FLORA, FAUNA AND ECOSYSTEMS AND A SAFE CLIMATE, AND DIRECTS THE
STATE, COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE
PEOPLE.

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 shall have a right to
clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments; healthy
native flora, fauna and ecosystems; a safe climate; and the

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1 preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful
2 qualities of the environment. The state shall protect these
3 rights equitably for all people regardless of race, ethnicity,
4 tribal affiliation, gender, socioeconomics or geography.

5 B. The state, counties and municipalities shall
6 serve as trustees of the natural resources of New Mexico and
7 shall conserve, protect and maintain these resources for the
8 benefit of all the people, including present and future
9 generations.

10 C. The provisions of this section are self-
11 executing. Monetary damages shall not be awarded for a
12 violation of this section. This section is enforceable against
13 the state, counties and municipalities."

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