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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH.

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 residents of New Mexico have a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife lawfully. Wildlife belongs to this state and is held in trust for the benefit of the residents of this state.

B. Exclusive authority to enact laws to regulate the manner, methods or seasons for hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife is vested in the legislature, which may delegate rulemaking authority to the state game commission. No

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1 law shall be enacted and no rule shall be adopted that
2 unreasonably restricts hunting, fishing and harvesting wildlife
3 or the use of traditional means and methods. Laws and rules
4 authorized under this section shall have the purpose of
5 wildlife conservation and management and preserving the future
6 of hunting and fishing.

7 C. Lawful public wildlife harvest and fishing shall
8 be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.

9 D. This section shall not be construed to modify
10 any provision of common law or statutes relating to trespass or
11 property rights."

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