

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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1 proposal."

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

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