

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY ADDING A
12 NEW SECTION OF ARTICLE 2 THAT PROVIDES THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
13 WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AND
14 HEALTHY AIR, WATER, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTS, HEALTHY NATIVE
15 FLORA, FAUNA AND ECOSYSTEMS, A SAFE CLIMATE AND THE
16 PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, CULTURAL, SCENIC AND HEALTHFUL
17 QUALITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND DIRECTS THE STATE, COUNTIES
18 AND MUNICIPALITIES TO SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE NATURAL
19 RESOURCES OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

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

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

24 "A. The people of the state shall have a right to
25 clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments; healthy

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underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

1 native flora, fauna and ecosystems; a safe climate; and the
2 preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic and healthful
3 qualities of the environment. The state shall protect these
4 rights equitably for all people regardless of race, ethnicity,
5 tribal affiliation, gender, socioeconomics or geography.

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

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

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