

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO BY ADDING A  
NEW SECTION OF ARTICLE 2 TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE  
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CLEAN AND  
HEALTHY AIR, WATER, SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTS; HEALTHY FLORA, FAUNA  
AND HABITATS; A STABLE CLIMATE AND THRIVING ECOSYSTEMS; AND THE  
PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, CULTURAL AND HEALTHFUL QUALITIES  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND DIRECTS THE STATE, COUNTIES AND  
MUNICIPALITIES TO SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF  
NEW MEXICO FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL 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

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1       flora, fauna and habitats; a stable climate and thriving  
2       ecosystems; and the preservation of the natural, cultural and  
3       healthful qualities of the environment. The state, counties  
4       and municipalities shall protect these rights equitably for all  
5       people, including future generations, and regardless of race,  
6       ethnicity, tribal affiliation, gender, socioeconomic or  
7       geography. Securing a more stable climate, including for  
8       future generations, is a compelling state interest and shall be  
9       a high priority.

10           B. The state, counties and municipalities shall  
11       serve as trustees of the natural resources of New Mexico and  
12       shall conserve, protect and maintain these resources for the  
13       benefit of all the people, including present and future  
14       generations, who are the beneficiaries.

15           C. The provisions of this section are self-  
16       executing. Monetary damages shall not be awarded for a  
17       violation of this section. This section is enforceable against  
18       the state, counties and municipalities."

19           **SECTION 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution  
20       shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
21       rejection at the next general election or at any special  
22       election prior to that date that may be called for that  
23       purpose.