

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

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

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:

"Health care is a fundamental right that is an essential
safeguard of human life and dignity. The state shall ensure
that every resident has the opportunity to realize this right
by establishing a comprehensive system of quality health care
that is accessible to each resident on an equitable basis
regardless of ability to pay."

SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution

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1 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
2 rejection at the next general election or at any special
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