

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO  
12 BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION MANDATING THAT HEALTH CARE IS A  
13 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT; PROVIDING FOR A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
14 ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE.

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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, and the state shall ensure  
21 that every resident is able to realize this right by  
22 establishing a comprehensive system of quality health care that  
23 is accessible to each resident on an equitable basis regardless  
24 of ability to pay."

25 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  
3 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
4 purpose.

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