

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATES TO BE INCREASED
13 ANNUALLY AT THE RATE OF INFLATION.

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

16 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 20 of the
17 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

18 "On July 1 of each year, the state minimum wage rates
19 provided by law shall be increased by the increase in the cost
20 of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be
21 measured by the percentage increase as of February of that year
22 over the level as of February of the previous year of the
23 consumer price index for all urban consumers, United States
24 city average for all items, or its successor index, as
25 published by the United States department of labor or its

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1 successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase
2 rounded to the nearest multiple of five cents (\$.05). The
3 governor shall publish by May 1 of each year the adjusted
4 minimum wage rates that take effect on July 1. In no event
5 shall the minimum wage rate be adjusted downward as a result of
6 a decrease in the cost of living."

7 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
8 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
9 rejection at the next general election or at any special
10 election prior to that date that may be called for that
11 purpose.