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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO

BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO HUNT AND FISH.

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 individual right of the people to hunt and

fish is a valued part of the state's heritage and shall be

preserved for the public good.

B. The right preserved pursuant to Subsection A of

this section includes the right to use traditional methods to

hunt and fish, subject only to law established to:

(1) promote wildlife conservation and

management;

(2) provide reasonable regulation of hunting

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1   and fishing activities; and

2   (3)   preserve the future of hunting and

3   fishing.

4   C.   Hunting and fishing shall be the preferred means

5   of managing and controlling wildlife.

6   D.   The provisions of this section do not affect:

7   (1)   laws pertaining to trespass or property

8   rights;

9   (2)   the state's sovereign authority over its

10   natural resources; or

11   (3)   the state's obligation to manage lands

12   granted to it pursuant to the act of congress of June 20, 1910,

13   entitled "An act to enable the people of New Mexico to form a

14   constitution and state government and be admitted into the

15   union on an equal footing with the original states"."

16   **SECTION 2.**   The amendment proposed by this resolution

17   shall be submitted to the people for their approval or

18   rejection at the next general election or at any special

19   election prior to that date that may be called for that

20   purpose.

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