

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW
12 MEXICO TO REQUIRE THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE BY LAW AN
13 EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXATION FOR AN UNMARRIED SURVIVING
14 SPOUSE OF A FIRST RESPONDER WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.
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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 8 of the
18 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

19 "A. The legislature shall provide by law an
20 exemption from taxation the residential property of an
21 unmarried surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the
22 line of duty while performing hazardous or dangerous activities
23 for the benefit of the public.

24 B. The burden of proving eligibility for the
25 exemption provided by this section is on the person claiming

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underscoring = new
~~[bracketed material]~~ = delete

1 the exemption."

2 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
3 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
4 rejection at the next general election or at any special
5 election prior to that date that may be called for that
6 purpose.

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