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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA; AMENDING ARTICLE  
II, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, BY ADDING SECTION 38; RELATING TO THE  
ENVIRONMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Article II, Constitution of Arizona, is proposed to be amended  
4 by adding section 38 as follows if approved by the voters and on  
5 proclamation of the Governor:

6 38. Right to clean and healthy environment

7 SECTION 38. A. EACH PERSON HAS AN INHERENT AND  
8 INALIENABLE RIGHT TO A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT,  
9 INCLUDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. CLEAN WATER.

11 2. CLEAN AIR.

12 3. HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS.

13 4. A SAFE CLIMATE.

14 5. THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATURAL, CULTURAL AND  
15 HEALTHFUL QUALITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

16 B. THE RIGHTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
17 SECTION BELONG TO BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. THIS  
18 STATE AND EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SHALL  
19 PROTECT AND MAY NOT INFRINGE ON THESE RIGHTS.

20 C. THIS STATE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING ITS  
21 WATERS, AIR, FLORA, FAUNA AND CLIMATE, ARE THE COMMON PROPERTY  
22 OF ALL THE PEOPLE, INCLUDING PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.  
23 THIS STATE AND EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SHALL  
24 DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

25 1. SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES.

26 2. CONSERVE, PROTECT AND MAINTAIN THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
27 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE.

28 3. SECURE A SAFE AND STABLE CLIMATE SYSTEM FOR ALL  
29 PEOPLE, INCLUDING FUTURE GENERATIONS.

30 4. MAKE IT A HIGH PRIORITY TO SECURE A SAFE CLIMATE  
31 SYSTEM AND PROVIDE CLEAN, RENEWABLE AND SAFE ENERGY FOR ALL  
32 COMMUNITIES. THIS PRIORITY AND ANY ACTION COMMENCED TO  
33 FURTHER THIS PRIORITY IS A COMPELLING STATE INTEREST.

34 D. THIS SECTION AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS  
35 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION ARE SELF-EXECUTING.

36 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the  
37 voters at the next general election as provided by article XXI,  
38 Constitution of Arizona.