



**State of Wisconsin
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1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 35

March 11, 1997 – Introduced by Representatives BLACK, LORGE, BALDWIN, RYBA, BOYLE, R. POTTER, BOCK, ROBSON, PLOUFF, HASENOHRL and COGGS, cosponsored by Senators CLAUSING, C. POTTER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Elections and Constitutional Law.

1 **Relating to:** requesting Congress to consider a constitutional amendment for
2 environmental rights.

3 Whereas, the health of the people of Wisconsin and their right to enjoy clean air
4 and water is threatened by pollution of the environment; and

5 Whereas, we are the custodians of the health of our children and of future
6 generations, and must safeguard their ability to breathe clean air, drink healthful
7 water and avoid poisons; and

8 Whereas, a constitutional remedy to protect our environmental rights is
9 warranted; while the American people have rightly been reluctant to amend the
10 constitution except for the most compelling reasons, the commitment to the public
11 health and environmental security of our citizens and of future generations is so
12 important, and so deeply a part of American tradition and values, that it requires
13 constitutional protection; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the
15 Wisconsin legislature request the Congress of the United States to consider the
16 adoption of the following amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

1 The natural resources of the nation are the heritage of present
2 and future generations. The rights of each person to clean and
3 healthful air and water, and to the protection of the other
4 natural resources of the nation, shall not be infringed upon by
5 any person; and, be it further

6 ***Resolved, That*** copies of this joint resolution be sent by the assembly chief
7 clerk to the members of this state's congressional delegation, the clerk of the U.S.
8 house of representatives and the secretary of the U.S. senate.

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