

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Governor's Office

HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—ARTICLE I

WHEREAS, Joint Resolution No. 3 of the 1971 Session of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposed to amend Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania by adding a new section thereof guaranteeing the people's rights to clean air and pure water and the preservation and conservation, by the Commonwealth, of the State's natural resources for the people's benefit, the said new section to read as follows:

"Section 27. Natural Resources and the Public Estate.—The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people"; and

WHEREAS, The said Joint Resolution was passed by two successive General Assemblies of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was submitted for approval by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth at an election held on May 18, 1971; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Commonwealth has certified to me that the aforesaid proposed constitutional amendment was approved by the electorate on the aforesaid day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Milton J. Shapp, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do proclaim and pronounce that the aforesaid constitutional amendment was adopted by a majority of the electors voting thereon on May 18, 1971.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and ninety-sixth.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Milton J. Shapp".

BY THE GOVERNOR:

MILTON J. SHAPP  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barton A. Fields".

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth

## No. 3

## A JOINT RESOLUTION

HB 31

Proposing an amendment to article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for the preservation and restoration of our natural resources.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of the eleventh article thereof:

That article one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be amended by adding at the end thereof, a new section to read:

*Section 27. Natural Resources and the Public Estate.—The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.*

Section 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to the qualified electors of the State, at the primary election next held after the advertising requirements of article eleven, section one of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have been satisfied.

(This Joint Resolution was passed for the first time at the Legislative Session of 1970 as Joint Resolution No. 4.)