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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania, in  
2 declaration of rights, providing for prohibition against  
3 denial or abridgment of equality of rights because of race  
4 and ethnicity.

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
6 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

7 That Article I of the Constitution of Pennsylvania be amended  
8 by adding a section to read:

9 § 29. Prohibition against denial or abridgment of equality of  
10 rights because of race and ethnicity.

11 Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or  
12 abridged in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania because of the race  
13 or ethnicity of the individual.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to  
17 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the

1 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
2 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
3 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

4 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
5 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
6 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
7 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
8 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
9 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
10 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
11 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
12 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
13 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
14 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
15 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
16 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
17 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
18 passed by the General Assembly.