

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

June 27, 2024, Introduced by Reps. DeSana, Fox, Friske, Carra, Zorn, DeBoyer, Kunse, Hoadley, Markkanen, Cavitt, Alexander, Meerman, Maddock, Prestin and Rigas and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by adding section 29 to article I, to recognize a right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to recognize a right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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## ARTICLE I

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**Sec. 29. (1) In recognition of this state's heritage and to**

1 promote the continued health of its natural bounty, all citizens  
2 have a right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife.

3 (2) The right to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest wildlife is  
4 subject only to regulations that promote sound wildlife  
5 conservation and management, and this state shall afford reasonable  
6 times allowing citizens to exercise these rights consistent with  
7 sound conservation and management practices.

8 (3) Public hunting, fishing, and trapping is a preferred means  
9 of managing and controlling nonthreatened species, and citizens may  
10 use traditional methods for harvesting wildlife.

11 (4) This section does not alter, repeal, or modify any of the  
12 following:

13 (a) Common law or statute relating to any of the following:

14 (i) Trespass.

15 (ii) Private property rights.

16 (iii) Eminent domain.

17 (iv) Public ownership of property.

18 (v) Firearms unrelated to hunting.

19 (b) The sovereign immunity of this state.

20 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
21 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
22 in the manner provided by law.