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House Joint Resolution No. ____

A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 18 of Article X of the State Constitution to state the rights of parents to consent to their minor children's medical treatment, including abortion.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the creation of Section 18 of Article X of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 18. Medical treatment, abortion; parental consent.--Nothing in this constitution shall be deemed to restrict a parent's right to consent to medical treatment, including, but not limited to, abortion, for that parent's minor child as permitted by the United States Constitution. This state has a compelling interest in protecting the rights of parents to make such decisions for their minor children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE X, SECTION 18

ABORTION, OTHER MEDICAL TREATMENT; PARENTAL CONSENT.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution declaring the right of parents to consent to medical treatment, including abortion, which is provided to their

1 minor children; declares state has a compelling interest in
2 protecting such parental right.

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