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By Senator Saunders

37-112-03 1 Senate Joint Resolution No. ____ 2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State 3 4 Constitution, relating to basic rights. 5 6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 7 That the following amendment to Section 2 of Article I 8 9 of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted 10 to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election 11 12 specifically authorized by law for that purpose: ARTICLE I 13 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS 14 SECTION 2. Basic rights. -- All natural persons, female 15 16 and male alike, are equal before the law and have inalienable 17 rights, among which are the right to enjoy and defend life and liberty, to pursue happiness, to be rewarded for industry, and 18 to acquire, possess and protect property; except that the 19 20 ownership, inheritance, disposition and possession of real 21 property by aliens ineligible for citizenship may be regulated 22 or prohibited by law. No person shall be deprived of any right because of race, religion, national origin, or physical 23 24 disability. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be 26 placed on the ballot: 27 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 28 ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS. -- Proposing an amendment to the 29 30 State Constitution to prohibit depriving a person of any right 31 1

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