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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution
2 of the State of Iowa eliminating involuntary servitude as a
3 punishment for crime.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Section 23 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of
4 Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

5 **Slavery — involuntary servitude.** SEC. 23. There shall
6 be no slavery in this state, nor shall there be involuntary
7 servitude.

8 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
9 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
10 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general
11 election for members of the general assembly, and shall be
12 published as provided by law for three months previous to the
13 date of that election.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
18 Constitution of the State of Iowa eliminating involuntary
19 servitude as a legal punishment for crime.

20 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
21 referred to the next general assembly for adoption, before
22 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.