

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THE US CONSTITUTION**

**AMENDMENT XXVIII**

**Nonhuman Rights Act of 2023**

***Passed by Congress*** \_\_\_\_\_ ***. Ratified*** \_\_\_\_\_.

All nonhuman beings held as “slaves” within the United States are, and henceforward shall be free to continue to exist and pursue their lives; shall be free from being used as food and resources of human beings; shall be free to roam on the earth, swim in the sea, fly in the sky; shall be free to spread their limbs, fins, wings; shall be free to groom themselves and their children; and shall be free to feed and care for their children naturally.

**Section 1.**

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

**Section 2.**

Congress shall have power to enforce this amendment by appropriate legislation.

**Section 3.**

All nonhuman beings born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws wherever applicable to nonhuman beings.

**Section 4.**

Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this amendment.