

## **Constitution of the State of Vermont, Ch. 1, Art. 22 (Rights of Nature)**

### **Section 1. Rights of Nature**

The natural environment of Vermont, including its forest, natural areas, surface and ground waters, and fish and wildlife populations, has certain natural, inherent inalienable rights to clean water and air, to health uncompromised by anthropogenic substances damaging to the systems of life, and to flourishing, connected habitats which supports the well-being of the flora and fauna of Vermont. Every person in the state shall have recourse to the laws for all violations of this section, with damages recurring in full to the injured environmental system to ensure its prompt and full restoration.

### **Section 2. Human Right to a Healthy Environment**

The state and each person shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment in Montana for present and future generations. Every person in the state shall have recourse to the laws for all violations of this section, with damages recurring in full to the injured parties to ensure prompt and full remediation.

### **Section 3. Self-Execution**

The legislature shall provide for the administration and enforcement of these duties.