

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) states:

Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provision of this article.

Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

**WHEREAS**, only six countries in the world lack an equal rights amendment clause in their constitutions: Palau, Somalia, Sudan, Tonga, Iran, *and the United States*; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of each House of the 92d Congress duly passed the ERA in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the Constitution of the United States requires that constitutional amendments be ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia, on January 27, 2020, was the final and thirty-eighth requisite state to ratify the ERA; and

**WHEREAS**, National Organization for Women (NOW) has made it a prime priority to pass and ratify the Equal Rights Amendment from 1967 to present; and

**WHEREAS**, recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court have undermined previous cases relying on the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to prohibit sex-based discrimination;

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives has already voted to remove the deadline from the non-binding preamble of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, NOW's legislative priorities include supporting only candidates in the 2022 general election and beyond who support the validity of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden stated he supports a carve-out to the filibuster for legalizing abortion nationwide and for protecting voting rights;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NOW asserts the Equal Rights Amendment has been duly ratified and reaffirms its commitment to enshrining it as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution, now needed more than ever; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOW demands the U.S. Archivist to certify and publish the fully ratified ERA in the Federal Register as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. constitution per Statute 1068; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NOW demands that the United States House of Representatives declare that the Equal Rights Amendment is officially recognized as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution effective January 27, 2022; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that NOW demands that the United States Senate remove the time limit and eliminate or create a carve-out to the filibuster for the Equal Rights Amendment, officially recognizing the ratification of the ERA as the Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution effective January 27, 2022.