

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 28th 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.