

By Senator Berman

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Senate Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution relating to equal rights for men and women.

WHEREAS, during the Second Session of the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of two-thirds, both houses of Congress approved the Equal Rights Amendment, and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, this proposed amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the states for ratification, and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution authorizes the Florida Legislature to ratify proposed amendments to the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment contained a 7-year period for ratification, a deadline the United States Congress later extended to 1982 after 35 states ratified the amendment, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States House of Representatives passed a measure to eliminate retroactively the ratification deadline from the amendment, and the United States Senate introduced a companion measure, and

WHEREAS, constitutional equality for men and women continues to be timely in the United States and worldwide, and many other nations have achieved constitutional equality for men and women, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House

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of Representatives Concurring:

That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States set forth below is ratified by the Legislature of the State of Florida.

"ARTICLE ____

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 provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the foregoing preamble and resolution be immediately forwarded by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, under the Great Seal of this state, to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President of the Senate of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and the Administrator of the General Services Administration of the United States.