



Pass a Resolution

1. **Prepare a resolution (sample below).**
2. **Identify the person(s) / group(s) who will advocate for passage.** It may be helpful to have a nonpartisan group take the lead.
3. **Identify the organization you want to adopt the resolution** such as a city council, board of supervisors, chamber of commerce, employer, or civic organization.
4. **Identify likely allies in the organization and ask to meet with them.**
 - 4.1. Meetings can be conducted via Zoom or conference call.
 - 4.2. Share your resolution and ask for their support of its adoption
 - 4.3. If they're supportive, ask if they are willing to introduce the resolution.
 - 4.4. Share our FAQs (<https://VoteEquality.US/FAQ>) with the resolution sponsor so they can answer any questions of their own / from colleagues.
 - 4.5. Ask for any advice or insights on getting the resolution adopted.
5. **Show public support** with a petition or by asking others to send postcards and emails to leaders considering the resolution.
6. **If possible, attend the meeting** in which the resolution is discussed and voted upon.
7. **Celebrate the resolution's adoption** virtually, in person, or via invitation to the press to spread the word.
8. **Let us know so we can post your resolution.** Just send us a note at: hello@VoteEquality.US

If you have any questions on how to pass a resolution or need any additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at hello@VoteEquality.US.



Resolution in Support of the 28th Amendment (Equal Rights Amendment) to the United States Constitution by *[insert name of voting body here]*

- WHEREAS,** equality under the law is a fundamental value of Americans and the people of *[insert name of voting body here]*; and
- WHEREAS,** the United States Constitution did not explicitly guarantee equal rights and equal protection for the sexes; and
- WHEREAS,** legislation and court decisions have increased women’s access to education, employment, and public service; and
- WHEREAS,** that same legislation can be repealed and the Supreme Court may strike legislation or retreat from its own precedent, thereby eliminating or abridging legal rights currently enjoyed by women, girls, and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Americans value the continued participation of women in education, the military, public service, our economy, and all other spheres of our society; and
- WHEREAS,** the people of the United States continue to experience the negative effects from the lack of political parity between men and women, in workplace discrimination, health care inequities, disparate rate of poverty, rape, and domestic violence;
- WHEREAS,** inclusion of the 28th Amendment (Equal Rights Amendment) in the Constitution requires courts to raise the level of judicial scrutiny it currently applies to sex discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** the 28th Amendment text passed in 1972 by Congress included in the preamble to the proposed Equal Rights Amendment a seven-year ratification deadline on states, later extended by thirty-six months; and
- WHEREAS,** the 28th Amendment text ratified by each state did not include the deadline; and
- WHEREAS,** the Constitution does not authorize Congress to impose unilateral, extraneous ratification limits on the states; and
- WHEREAS,** ratifications are a one-way street and cannot be undone, as evidenced by the inclusion of our Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments despite purported rescissions; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Bar Association reaffirmed its support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in 2016; and



WHEREAS, well after the 1982 deadline extension set by Congress, Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020) ratified the Equal Rights Amendment, bringing the total number of states that have ratified the amendment to 38, the number needed to satisfy the Constitutional requirement that an amendment be ratified by three-fourths of the states to become valid; and

WHEREAS, a 2020 Pew Research Center found that 97% of Americans say it is somewhat or very important for women to have equal rights with men in this country; and

WHEREAS, no amendment ratified by the required three-fourths of the states has failed to become a part of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the 28th Amendment 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 provisions of this article.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the *[insert here the name of voting body]*, recognize the Equal Rights Amendment as our 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, the *[insert here the name of voting body]*, call upon the Biden Administration to affirm the Equal Rights Amendment as our 28th Amendment and remove all uncertainty of its inclusion in the Constitution by instructing the National Archivist to certify and publish the amendment.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

[insert here the name of authorized signatory]

[insert here the title of authorized signatory]

[insert here the name of voting body]

