



(Name) Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the (name) Chamber of Commerce, representing over (number) of businesses and organizations strongly supports equal rights for all its citizens and people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, women play a critical role in our community, families, the workplace, and in society as a whole, contributing to our economy and advancing our nation; and

WHEREAS, women, who constitute over 51% of the population of North Carolina, continue to confront workplace discrimination; health care inequities; disparate rates of poverty; rape and domestic violence assaults; a lack of political parity; and

WHEREAS, state laws are not uniform and federal laws are not comprehensive; additionally, these laws can be repealed or reduced; and

WHEREAS, irrespective of a time limit for ratification, the states of Nevada (2017) and Illinois (2018) ratified the ERA, becoming the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh states, respectively, to ratify the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Congress can alter time limits in the proposing clauses of amendments; and the dead line for the ERA appeared only in the preamble and not in the actual legislation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the (name) Chamber of Commerce supports ratifying the ERA to the United States Constitution as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972 stating:

Section I: 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.

ADOPTED this date the ___ day of ___ 201__.

Appropriate Chamber Signatures