

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution which would guarantee that the rights affirmed by the U.S Constitution are held equally by all American citizens without regard to their sex; and

WHEREAS, first introduced in Congress in 1923, the ERA seeks to end the legal distinctions between men and women in matters of divorce, property, employment, and other matters; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the ERA finally passed the Senate and the House of Representatives by the required two-thirds majority and was sent to the states for ratification; and

WHEREAS, Congress had originally set a ratification deadline of March 22, 1979, for state legislature to consider the ERA; and

WHEREAS, by 1978 the ERA had not received ratification by two-third of the states and a resolution to extend the ratification deadline to 1982 was passed by Congress and signed by President Carter; and

WHEREAS, when this deadline expired, only 35 of the necessary 38 states had ratified the amendment; and the ERA is therefore not yet a part of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the ERA; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, the U.S House of Representatives voted on a resolution to retroactively remove the deadline that required states to ratify the ERA by 1982, and as of today a similar measure has been introduced in the Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation to remove the ratification deadline of the Equal Rights Amendment.

PRESENTED BY:

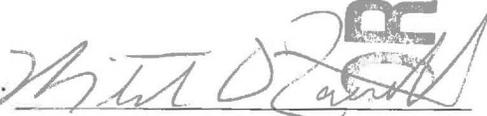


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