

By Senator Gibson

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1 Senate Concurrent Resolution

2 A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed  
3 amendment to the Constitution of the United States  
4 relating to equal rights for men and women.  
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6 WHEREAS, during the Second Session of the 92nd Congress of  
7 the United States of America, by a constitutional majority of  
8 two-thirds, both houses of Congress approved the Equal Rights  
9 Amendment, and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, measures have been introduced in the United States  
21 House of Representatives and the United States Senate to  
22 eliminate the ratification deadline from the amendment, and

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

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28 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House  
29 of Representatives Concurring:

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

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"ARTICLE \_\_\_\_

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"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.

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"SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce,  
by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

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

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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.