

**Resolution in Support of the Removal of the Deadline Date for Ratification of the
Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
Submitted to the Resolutions Committee, Arizona Democratic Party
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- WHEREAS, The Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was sent by Congress to the states for ratification in 1972;
- WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline date on the ERA for its passage;
- WHEREAS Congress can remove or extend the deadline date for passage of the ERA;
- WHEREAS the ERA is still one vote short of ratification and Arizona is one of the states that has not yet ratified the Amendment;
- WHEREAS women continue to lack pay equity and are victims of oppressive laws that discriminate against them;
- WHEREAS joint resolutions calling for the elimination of the time limit for ratification of the equal rights amendment were introduced in the 115th Congress but did not pass;
- WHEREAS, resolutions will be introduced in the 116th Congress calling for elimination of the ratification time limit;
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party renews its support of the Equal Rights Amendment and calls on Arizona's Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to support resolutions and/or legislation that eliminate the ERA ratification deadline date;
- THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party calls on the National Democratic Party to ask all State Democratic Parties that have not yet done so to ask their Congressional delegations to support resolutions and/or legislation that eliminate the ERA ratification deadline date.