

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, URGING THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE TO HEAR AND RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATIVE TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the Congress of the United States, in both houses by a constitutional majority of two-thirds in both houses, adopted a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights to men and women referred to as the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and

WHEREAS, Congress originally set a deadline of March 22, 1979 for ratification, as provided in Article V of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, through 1977, the amendment received 35 of the necessary state ratifications; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Congress passed a joint resolution with the intent of extending the ratification deadline to June 30, 1982; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, the 45th anniversary of Congress' submission of the ERA to state legislatures, the Nevada Legislature became the first to ratify the ERA after the expiration of the established deadlines; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2018 the Illinois General Assembly ratified the ERA; and

WHEREAS, 37 of the required 38 states have now ratified the ERA.

ENACTMENTS:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. City of Flagstaff hereby supports an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the equal rights for men and women.

SECTION 2. City of Flagstaff urges the Arizona Legislature to hear and ratify equal rights for men and women so that Arizona may become the 38th and final state needed for ratification of the ERA to the Constitution of the United States.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 3rd day of September, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY