

AAUW MINNESOTA RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS...

Women do not currently have equal protection under the United States Constitution or the Minnesota State Constitution.

WHEREAS...

AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

WHEREAS...

AAUW National supports the ERA and encourages all members to keep the pressure on our State and Federal legislators.

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The struggle for equality has been ongoing since before the United States existed and was brought into the forefront in 1923 when Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman, two leaders of the women's suffrage movement, drafted the first Equal Rights Amendment.

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In 1972, Congress approved text very similar to the amendment drafted by Paul and Eastman and sent it to the states for ratification. The amendment stated that: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article." An arbitrary deadline was placed on passage and extended once to 1982. In 2020,

Virginia became the 38th state to ratify bringing the total to the required $\frac{3}{4}$ of states to add the amendment to the Constitution.

WHEREAS...

There are 27 Branches within AAUW Minnesota with over 1700 members who can be mobilized to advocate for full equality under the law both in Minnesota and the United States.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED...

AAUW Minnesota actively supports and advocates for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment within the State and on the National level.

IMPLEMENTATION:

AAUW Branches will actively support and advocate for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment within Minnesota and nationally. Activities to achieve this may include but are not limited to:

- * Branches educating their members about the Equal Rights Amendment to include for example, visiting ERAMN.org and watching "Equal Means Equal" and "Legalize Equality" videos
- * Letter/postcard writing campaigns to Minnesota and U.S. Legislators advocating for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment
- * Personal visits to both Minnesota and U.S. Legislators advocating for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment