

Member Rogan moved and Member Backen seconded a motion that the following resolution be read and adopted this 19th day of February, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 7715

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT
TO THE MINNESOTA CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Robbinsdale supports equal rights for the citizens of Robbinsdale, and women constitute over 50 percent of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, women play a critical role in families, the workplace, and in society as a whole, contributing to our economy and advancing our nation; and

WHEREAS, women continue to confront a lack of political parity, workplace discrimination, healthcare inequities, disparate rates of poverty, sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Constitution does not explicitly guarantee that all rights it protects are held equally by all citizens without regard to gender; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment is required in order to provide gender-based equality in our courts and laws because the Supreme Court has repeatedly held that the 14th Amendment does not apply specifically to issues of gender; and

WHEREAS, although laws prohibiting gender discrimination exist, they can be repealed or reduced by a simple majority in the legislature; and

WHEREAS, an Equal Rights Amendment would help correct systemic gender discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota requested that Congress propose an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in April of 1949 and then ratified the federal ERA in February of 1973 – yet still does not have sex or gender equality guaranteed in its own state constitution; and

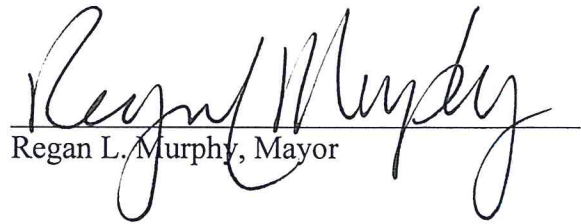
WHEREAS, bills have been introduced in the Minnesota House and Senate stating that “equality under the law must not be abridged or denied on account of gender”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROBBINSDALE, MINNESOTA: that it calls on the Minnesota Senate and House to pass a bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, known as the Equal Rights Amendment, providing for gender equality under the law.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Blonigan, Rogan, Selman, Backen, Mayor Murphy

and the following voted against the same: None

WHEREUPON SAID RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.


Regan L. Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kate Croteau, City Clerk