

A Resolution Calling for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

WHEREAS, women, who constitute over 51% of the population of North Carolina (NC), play an essential and irreplaceable role in society, contributing to our economy and advancing our nation in both public and private realms; and

WHEREAS, women continue to confront workplace discrimination, wage inequities, health care inequities, higher rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults, a lack of political parity, and other forms of sex-based discrimination; and

WHEREAS, state and federal anti-discrimination laws are not uniform or comprehensive, and can be repealed, amended, or ineffectively applied by the courts; and

WHEREAS, the federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was proposed in 1923 and passed by Congress in 1972; has met the constitutional requirement for ratification by 38 states with the approval of Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018), and Virginia (2020); and is awaiting certification by the US Archivist pending resolution of issues regarding a time limit in its preamble rather than its text, which can be removed by Congress, removal having been passed by bipartisan vote in the US House of Representatives on March 17, 2021 but is pending in the US Senate, and five state rescissions, which by precedent have never been recognized as valid; and

WHEREAS, the ERA is essential for correcting systemic sex discrimination, since it would guarantee 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”; and

WHEREAS, ERA ratification bills were introduced in the NC General Assembly in the 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we call on the NC General Assembly to pass the bills ratifying the ERA in order to join the growing list of states supporting a guarantee of equal constitutional rights to all citizens without regard to their sex; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the US Senate to support the validity of certification by the Archivist by joining with the US House, passing the bipartisan bill: SJR1, removing the time limit on the states for ratification; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to advocate at federal and state levels to ensure that the ERA is added to the US Constitution in order to guarantee equal rights under the law to all citizens without regard to their sex.

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RESOLUTION
CALLING ON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ADDRESS
CLIMATE CHANGE BY PASSING CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND
LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina Democratic Party is committed to addressing climate change and is committed to protecting residents from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Climate change poses a serious threat to the State of North Carolina in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast region is experiencing longer and more frequent droughts, more frequent and intense storms and heavy precipitation events including unprecedented hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding, threatening infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as temperatures rise and droughts increase in frequency and duration, agriculture and forestry will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Legislation addressing climate change should not economically overburden people in the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation will greatly help fight climate change, and is a net economic boost to residents of the State of North Carolina and its vicinity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY calls on the United States Congress to address climate change by passing a Carbon Fee and Dividend Bill as sound, effective legislation.

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