**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ERA**

WHEREAS: Article 5 of The U.S. Constitution sets out two requirements for amendments: Approval by two-thirds of both chambers of Congress, and ratification by ¾ (38) of the states, and

WHEREAS: On January 27, 2020, the Equal rights Amendment finally achieved both of these requirements, but the Trump administration blocked the certification, publication of the amendment, and

WHEREAS: With a new president and control of Congress, Democrats are now fighting for recognition of the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and

WHEREAS: U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.), as chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform held a hearing on the Equal Rights Amendment, and

WHEREAS: Leading constitutional law scholar testified before the committee members that the amendment is fully and validly ratified and is now part of the Constitution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 32nd LD Democrats affirm that The U.S. Constitution can only be amended by strict adherence to Article 5 of The U.S. Constitution and not by legislative action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE SPREAD ACROSS THE LAND.

Respectfully submitted by Carin Chase

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