

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to the proposal by Congress of an Equal Rights Amendment.

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the first action of the Alaska Territorial Legislature in 1913 was to give women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS in 1972, shortly after the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by the United States Congress, Alaska was among the first states to ratify the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, effective October 14, 1972, the Constitution of the State of Alaska was amended by a vote of the people to include a provision that no person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right because of sex; and

WHEREAS the 1972 state constitutional amendment guaranteeing the rights of women has already enhanced the ability of all citizens, not just women, to achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS negative results predicted by opponents of the state provision guaranteeing the rights of women have not materialized; and

WHEREAS the 1972 constitutional amendment has not presented difficulties but rather has eliminated some long-standing discriminatory practices against women in our state; and

WHEREAS the people of a state are free and equal only when all citizens enjoy the same rights; and

WHEREAS the people of the State of Alaska wish to have the Congress again propose an Equal Rights Amendment to the states for their consideration; and

WHEREAS adoption of this resolution does not minimize the

state's support of and belief in traditional American family values;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that Congress is respectfully requested to again propose an amendment to the United States Constitution guaranteeing equal rights to all women in our nation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.