



League of United Latin American Citizens

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, in 1929, the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will launch a campaign to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the US Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the text of the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment states: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex.”

WHEREAS, this campaign has mobilized activists online and on the ground to support both the three-state and start-over strategies as well as state-level ERAs; and

WHEREAS, Nevada became the 36th state to ratify the ERA, underscoring growing momentum to be capitalized on along the road to Constitutional gender equality; and

WHEREAS, ratification efforts continue in ERA target states such as Virginia, Illinois, North Carolina, and Florida, and state-level ERA legislation is moving forward in Maine, Louisiana, and Delaware; and

WHEREAS, 72% of individuals think that the ERA is already an amendment to the US Constitution, and many feminist activists are not aware of efforts to ratify the ERA; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of ERA advocacy relies on the unification of feminist activists of diverse social and cultural identities: sex, age, race, class, sexual orientation, religion, ability, nationality, gender, and other axes of identity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will continue its campaign to “Ratify the ERA”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) campaign will include working with other allied organizations in their efforts to ratify the national ERA and/or to pass a state-level ERA; mobilizing for passage of legislation in Congress to support the ERA and its ratification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will promote diverse and intersectional interpretations of constitutional equality that reflect the many lived experiences of those of diverse social and cultural identities: age, race, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, sex and expression, immigration status, religion, ability, nationality, gender, and other axes of identity in the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will support progressive feminist organization, especially women of color, who will make it a top priority to address the ratification of the ERA.

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