

RESOLUTION NO. 284

WHEREAS, the citizens of Alexandria look to the City Council for guidance and leadership in attempts to eliminate unjust discrimination in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia recognizes that persistent patterns of sex discrimination continue to permeate our social, cultural, and economic life; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports equality of rights under law and equal opportunities for all citizens, both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been proposed to insure that men and women have equality of rights under law; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment has been passed by the Congress of the United States and submitted to the state legislatures for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment has been endorsed by Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon and has been supported on national party platforms of both major political parties; and

WHEREAS, the 1974 session of the Virginia General Assembly has an opportunity to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the City Council hereby expresses and makes known its support for the Equal Rights Amendment, which states:

"Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

"Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification."

FURTHER RESOLVED, That City Council urges members of the Alexandria delegation to the Virginia General Assembly to support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment at the 1974 Session of the General Assembly.

Adopted January 22, 1974

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Mrs. Helen Vickers, Clerk of the  
City of Alexandria, Virginia