

WHEREAS, women are entitled to the benefits, responsibilities, and dignity of full citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment will keep faith with the basic precepts set forth in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights by assuring equal rights and responsibilities for all people; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant progress in recent years towards the goal of equal rights and responsibilities for men and women and a vital means for continuing this progress is through a constitutional amendment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria approves and affirmatively acts toward the ratification of the proposed Twenty-Seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution as follows:

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.

Adopted December 23, 1975

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Helen Holleman, City Clerk and Clerk of Council