

House Concurrent Resolution No. 4

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, three years after women won the right to vote, the Equal Rights Amendment to
2 the United States Constitution, authored by Alice Paul, head of the National Women's Party, was
3 introduced in Congress by Senator Curtis and Representative Anthony, both Republicans; and
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5 **Whereas**, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution passed the
6 United States Senate and then the United States House of Representatives, and on March 22, 1972, the
7 proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the states for ratification; and
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9 **Whereas**, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:
10 "Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by
11 the United States or by any state on account of sex.
12 Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate
13 legislation, the provisions of this article.
14 Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of
15 ratification."; and
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17 **Whereas**, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the ratification process and
18 thirty-five states ratified the proposed Amendment before the deadline; and
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20 **Whereas**, Congress may not have the constitutional authority to place a deadline on the
21 ratification process; and
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23 **Whereas**, Article V of the United States Constitution allows the General Assembly of the
24 State of Missouri to ratify this proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and
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26 **Whereas**, the General Assembly of the State of Missouri finds that the proposed

27 Amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the United States Constitution and that the present
28 political, social and economic conditions are the same as or are even more demanding today than they
29 were when the proposed Amendment was first submitted for adoption:
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31 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** by the Missouri House of Representatives,
32 Ninety-first General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Missouri Senate concurring therein, that the
33 Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution is hereby ratified; and
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35 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be
36 instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Archivist of the United States,
37 Washington, D.C.; the Vice President of the United States; the Speaker of the United States House of
38 Representatives; and each member of the United States Congress from Missouri with request that it be
39 printed in the Congressional Record.