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To Recognize and Support Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Whereas, the Equal Rights Amendment, or ERA, is a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution designed to guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex and seeks to end the legal distinction between men and women; and

Whereas, the ERA was originally written by Alice Paula and Crystal Eastman and was the catalyst for conversations about the meaning of legal equality of women and men since; and

Whereas, many women of color supported the ERA due to the intersection of race and sex, including Shirley Chisholm who is known for coining the phrase “intersectional feminism” who advocated that the ERA would help men and women alike; and

Whereas, Ohio ratified the ERA in 1974, becoming the 33rd state to do so; and

Whereas, the State of Illinois has become the most recent state to ratify the amendment, putting it one state away from possible enshrinement in the US Constitution; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize and support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and encourage the remaining states to ratify the amendment.