**Equal Rights Amendment**

*2020 Ratification!!*

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**WHAT**

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<td>The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.</td>
<td>Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.</td>
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![Ratifications as of August 26, 1990](image1)

![Ratifications as of August 26, 2018](image2)

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**WHY**

- Correct the historical exclusion of women from the Constitution and the Fourteenth Amendment
  
  The central purpose of the Fourteenth Amendment was to eliminate racial discrimination. *- Loving v Virginia*

- Provide a consistent standard to evaluate government discrimination
  
  The current interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment gives sex discrimination a *lesser level of judicial scrutiny* than race / religion / country of origin discrimination.
WHY

- Laws can change as frequently as legislators change their seats; the Constitution is enduring
- Provides a constitutional basis for asserting equal rights without having to establish equivalence between men and women

HOW

- Amendments require 38 states to ratify; 35 states ratified by the second (extended) 1982 deadline
- Nevada ratified in 2017
- Illinois ratified in 2018
- Virginia will be the 38th state
- US Senate/House both have bipartisan legislation filed to remove the 1982 deadline

2019 ROUNDUP

- In 2019, the Virginia Senate passed the Equal Rights Amendment for the sixth time since 2011
- The Virginia House of Delegates did not pass the Equal Rights Amendment, therefore the ERA failed in 2019 in Virginia
From August 26 - November 5th, volunteers (+ paid drivers) educated Virginians on our #iScream4Equality ice cream tour.

2020 GOTV

- 11,000+ texts during voter registration
- 5,000 GOTV phone calls
- ~50,000 GOTV postcards
- 100,000 GOTV texts
- 475,000+ people viewed GOTV ads on Facebook

In summary: outreach to 625,000+ voters in Virginia by volunteers from 50 states and 17 countries.

VIRGINIA SENATE
VIRGINIA HOUSE

2020 PATRONs

✈️ Senate resolution, SJ1
✈️ Chief patrons: Senators Jennifer McClellan and Mamie Locke
✈️ Chief co-patrons: Senators Scott Surovell, Emmett Hanger, and Janet Howell
✈️ House resolution, HJ1
✈️ Chief patron: Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy
✈️ Chief co-patrons: Delegates Kaye Kory, Jeion Ward, and Hala Ayala

2020 RATIFICATION

✈️ Electoral strategy: new leadership in Virginia’s House of Delegates
✈️ Legislative strategy: Women’s Equality Legislative Summit Jan 7

✈️ Ratification: January of 2020
AFTER WE RATIFY

- Clerk of the House/Senate will send Virginia’s resolution to the Archivist of the United States
- Whether or not the Archivist adds the ERA to our Constitution, the issue will go to court
- Congress may take action to remove the deadline, which has been changed once before
- For more information: tinyurl.com/after38th

GET INVOLVED...

- Dec 1 - Jan 6: Citizen lobbying IN DISTRICT
  - Meet with your Senator / Delegate
  - Canvass with postcards / door hangers
  - Tabling with postcards / door hangers
- Jan 7: Women's Equality Legislative Summit
- Jan 8: Welcome back party, Day 1 of GA2020

GET INVOLVED...

- Sign up for newsletter at VAratifyERA.org
- Help with outreach: talk to friends, wear ERA bling, write a letter to the editor, canvass / table at local events
- Host something with friends: movie screening, social event, speaker, or a fundraiser
- More information at VAratifyERA.org