

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Passage of the Pennsylvania
2 Equal Rights Amendment on May 18, 1991.

3 WHEREAS, May 18, 1991, marks the 20th Anniversary of the
4 passage of the Pennsylvania Equal Rights amendment, Article I,
5 section 28, of the State Constitution; and

6 WHEREAS, The ERA states: "Equality of rights under the law
7 shall not be denied or abridged in the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania because of the sex of the individual"; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was founded on tenets of basic rights
10 of the individual; and

11 WHEREAS, Many leaders and statespersons, male and female, of
12 the women's suffrage movement and women's fight for equal rights
13 under the law have been Pennsylvanians; and

14 WHEREAS, Establishing equal rights for women under the law
15 has been essential for this General Assembly in best serving its
16 constituency; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has remained in the forefront of equal

1 rights for women in many areas of legal impact; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is one of only 17 states to enact such
3 a law; and

4 WHEREAS, In establishing such legal precedence, the
5 Commonwealth has proven only positive and healthy changes have
6 resulted, furthering the rights not only of women, but also
7 those of men and children; and

8 WHEREAS, The majority of voters in the Commonwealth remain
9 women and have given the special talents and gifts of their
10 work, commitment to the State and to the family; and

11 WHEREAS, Women need the continued support of the Commonwealth
12 and the members of this General Assembly to maintain the goals
13 set by the ERA; and

14 WHEREAS, It is important and essential to recognize the role
15 of the Commonwealth in supporting all of its citizens; therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby designates
18 May 18, 1991, as "Equal Rights Amendment Day" in Pennsylvania.