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# STATE OF MAINE

### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

#### RATIFICATION RESOLUTION FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

#### AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the 92nd Congress of the United States of America at its second Session, in both Houses, by a Constitutional majority of two-thirds thereof, adopted the following proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

#### ARTICLE

"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," now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the 106th Legislature, that such proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be and the same is hereby ratified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C., and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States.