

WHEREAS, The Columbia Law School noted that Article V of the Constitution finds that "[a]uthority to propose and ratify amendments lies fully in the political process, in Congress, state legislatures and/or constitutional conventions;" and

WHEREAS, The Columbia Law School further elaborated that examples of legal uncertainties in previous amendments further support the joint resolution, especially as the 27th Amendment was proposed by the First Congress and then took more than 200 years to be ratified by 38 legislatures, but is now accepted as part of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, During the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary Hearing on February 28, 2023, S. Mona Sinha stated that "the vast majority of countries around the world recognize the pervasive harm arising from sex inequality and the need for express constitutional guarantees of equality on the basis of sex. The United States is a global outlier in not having a constitutional equality provision..."; and, now, therefore,

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Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Relations

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 15th day of March 2023, do hereby call on the United States Congress to pass the House Joint Resolution Removing the Deadline for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and finally establish the long-awaited and much needed 28th Amendment as part of the Constitution and in furtherance of gender equity.

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