

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **356**

2.1 WHEREAS, state Equal Rights Amendment ratification votes since 1972 must be considered
2.2 sufficiently contemporaneous, given that the Archivist of the United States certified the Madison
2.3 (27th) Amendment on May 18, 1992, once three-fourths of the states had ratified it, even though
2.4 that amendment was passed by the first Congress of the United States and had a ratification period
2.5 lasting 203 years; and

2.6 WHEREAS, the restricting time limit for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment is in
2.7 the proposing clause and is not a part of the amendment that has already been ratified by 35 states;
2.8 and

2.9 WHEREAS, Congress is empowered to alter time limits in the proposing clauses of
2.10 amendments and has done so once already for the Equal Rights Amendment, when it passed a time
2.11 extension on October 20, 1978; and

2.12 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment will finally ensure that all citizens will have equal
2.13 rights under the United States Constitution, without regard to sex; and

2.14 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was ratified by the Legislature of the State of
2.15 Minnesota on February 12, 1973; and

2.16 WHEREAS, the people of Minnesota are not willing to wait another 200 years for gender
2.17 equality; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.18 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota calls on the Congress of
2.19 the United States to enact Senate Joint Resolution 15 or House Joint Resolution 113, proposed at
2.20 the 113th Congress of the United States, or similar legislation, to remove the deadline for ratification
2.21 of the Equal Rights Amendments by the states; and

2.22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Minnesota calls on other
2.23 states to join in this action by passing the same or similar resolutions; and

2.24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.25 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the
2.26 President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.27 States House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.