

Equal Rights and Abortion Constitutional Amendment

A resolution against putting the Equal Rights Amendment on the general election ballot for Minnesota voters.

WHEREAS, federal civil rights law and the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution already protect individuals against invidious discrimination; .

WHEREAS, prohibitions against discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation, including gender identity, are specifically protected in the Minnesota Human Rights Act,; and

WHEREAS, nondiscrimination law is best made in legislatures where laws can be molded to accommodate various and sometimes conflicting interests including protecting rights of speech, association, and religion;

WHEREAS the Minnesota Human Rights Act has effectively balanced religious liberty, conscience rights, sexual difference, and non-discrimination principles for thirty years, and a constitutional “equal rights” amendment could overturn that balance; and .

WHEREAS, constitutional mandates against sex and gender discrimination will also further entrench a policy of abortion on demand and threaten to impose financial mandates and legal penalties on those who object, as well as make it more difficult to put reasonable limitations in place on the practice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Party of Minnesota should oppose the Equal Rights Amendment in all forms and should instead recognize the balancing of interests that our law already provides and respect the lives of the unborn.