

RESOLUTION R-19-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUPPORTING THE RATIFICATION BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT DURING THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was passed by the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives and the proposed 27th Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the states for ratification on March 22, 1972; and

WHEREAS, adoption requires at least 38 states to ratify the proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, if the Florida legislature passes the resolution when it convenes early next year, Florida would become the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, equality under the law is a fundamental value of the United States and of the people of Manatee County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

1. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners supports the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.
2. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners urges The Florida Legislature to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972, during the next legislative session.
3. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby instructed to promptly transmit a copy of this Resolution to the local, state, and federal legislative delegations, and to the Governor of the State of Florida.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of December 2019.

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
AND COMPTROLLER

By: Robin Deth, OC
Deputy Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Stephen R. Johnson
Chairperson

