



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, Chowan County forthrightly supports equal rights for the citizens of Chowan County, and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution does not explicitly guarantee that all rights that it protects are held equally by all citizens without regard to sex, and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause has never been interpreted to guarantee equal rights for women in the same way the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would, by situating sex as a suspect category invoking strict judicial scrutiny, just as race, national origin and religion do, and

WHEREAS, state laws are not uniform and federal laws are not comprehensive; additionally, these laws can be repealed or reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment would help correct systemic sex discrimination; and

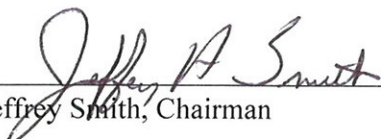
WHEREAS, Congress can alter time limits in the proposing clauses of amendments; and the deadline for the ERA appeared only in the preamble and not in the actual legislation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chowan County supports ratifying the ERA to the United States Constitution as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972 stating:

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



Jeffrey Smith, Chairman



Susanne Stallings, Clerk