

Extension of the Time for the Ratification for the Equal Rights Amendment

WHEREAS the original Equal Rights Amendment resolution passed by Congress March 22, 1972, stated that the Amendment must be ratified by three-fourths of the states within seven years; and

WHEREAS there is a bill pending known as the "Extension Bill of the Equal Rights Amendment" which, if passed, will extend the ratification time for the bill by seven additional years;

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting in annual session in Lakeland, Florida, June 26–30, 1978, voice our complete opposition to any extension of time for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, that reasonable and proper time has been granted, and any extension would be unfair and unjust and would constitute the misuse of the democratic process by Congress. Therefore, let March 22, 1979, be the final date for any state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

*Lakeland, Florida
June 26–30, 1978*