

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2019-019

*Urging the State of South Carolina Legislature to Support Passage of
the Equal Rights Amendment*

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia supports equal rights for all of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, key protection and equality laws can be misinterpreted with need for expensive and delayed adjudication, or repealed or reduced by a majority of the federal or state legislature; and,

WHEREAS, thirty-seven of the required thirty-eight state legislatures have ratified the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution that reads:

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex"

WHEREAS, South Carolina has not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, bills have been pre-filed in the South Carolina House of Representatives urging the South Carolina Legislature to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and additional bills may be filed in the first regular session of the 123rd South Carolina General Assembly, intended to bring and amendment ratification vote to the floors of the Senate and House of Representatives; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 19th day of February, 2019 that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina hereby encourages and supports the timely passage by the South Carolina Legislature of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution making South Carolina the final state required to ratify the amendment.

Requested by:

Councilmember Devine



Mayor

Approved by:



City Manager

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

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ATTEST:



City Clerk