

**CHAPTER 327****EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT PROPOSED***H.J.R. 12*

**A JOINT RESOLUTION** proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the equality of rights of men and women under the law.

*Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is proposed.

Section 1 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa, is amended to read as follows:

**RIGHTS OF PERSONS. SECTION 1.** All men and women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable rights — among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. Neither the State nor any of its political subdivisions shall, on the basis of gender, deny or restrict the equality of rights under the law.

Sec. 2. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is hereby referred to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election for members of the general assembly, and the secretary of state is directed to cause the same to be published for three consecutive months before the date of that election as provided by law.