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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution  
2 of the state of Iowa to provide that equality of rights of  
3 men and women under the law shall not be denied or restricted  
4 by the state or by any of its political subdivisions.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 Section one (1) of Article one (1) of the Constitution of  
4 the State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in  
5 lieu thereof:

6 NEW SECTION. RIGHTS OF PERSONS. Section 1. All men and  
7 women are, by nature, free and equal, and have certain in-  
8 alienable rights--among which are those of enjoying and de-  
9 fending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting  
10 property, and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.  
11 Neither the State nor any of its political subdivisions shall,  
12 on the basis of gender, deny or restrict the equality of rights  
13 under the law.

14 Sec. 2. It is declared to be the intent of the general  
15 assembly in agreeing to the foregoing proposed amendment to  
16 the Constitution of the State of Iowa that a classification  
17 on the basis of gender shall not be held to deny or restrict  
18 equality of rights if it can be established that such clas-  
19 sification is necessary to accomplish a compelling state in-  
20 terest.

21 Sec. 3. The foregoing proposed amendment, having been  
22 adopted and agreed to by the Sixty-seventh General Assembly,  
23 thereafter duly published, and now adopted and agreed to by  
24 the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, in this Joint Resolution,  
25 shall be submitted to the people of the State of Iowa at the  
26 general election in November of the year nineteen hundred  
27 eighty (1980) in the manner required by the Constitution of  
28 the State of Iowa and the laws of the State of Iowa.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This joint resolution adds an equal rights amendment to  
31 the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

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