

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-D042
TITLE: Support Passage of Equal Rights Amendment
PROPOSER: The Rev. Diana D. Clark
COMMITTEE: 09 - National and International Concerns: HD

Directly Related: (attached)

1982-B034 Call for Enactment of an Equal Rights Amendment
1979-B148 Endorse the Equal Rights Amendment

Indirectly Related:

2000-C021 On the Topic of a Definition of "Sexual Equality" (Rejected)

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.



Resolution Number: 1982-B034
Title: Call for Enactment of an Equal Rights Amendment
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Amended
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Deputies concurring, **That the 67th General Convention calls upon the Congress of the United States once again to enact the Equal Rights Amendment and submit it to the legislatures of the several states for ratification;** and be it further

Resolved, **That the 67th General Convention calls upon all Church members to urge the members of their state legislatures to ratify this amendment as quickly as possible.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, New Orleans, 1982* (New York: General Convention, 1983), p. C-144.



Resolution Number: 1979-B148
Title: Endorse the Equal Rights Amendment
Legislative Action Taken: Concurred As Substituted
Final Text:

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, **That the 66th General Convention of the Episcopal Church endorse the Equal Rights Amendment and urges the several States in their legislatures to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment;** and be it further

Resolved, **That this action be communicated to the legislatures of the several States.**

Citation: General Convention, *Journal of the General Convention of...The Episcopal Church, Denver, 1979* (New York: General Convention, 1980), p. C-121.

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TOPIC/TITLE: Civil Rights: Support Passage of Equal Rights Amendment

PROPOSER: The Rev. Diana D. Clark

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1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That the 76th General Convention of the
2 Episcopal Church renew its historic support of passage of the Equal Rights Amendment
3 to the U.S. Constitution; and be it further

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5 *Resolved*, That this renewal include petitioning for passage of the Equal Rights
6 Amendment in the 111th Congress through submission of this resolution to the office of
7 Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, lead sponsor of the ERA in the House of
8 Representatives; and be it further

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10 *Resolved*, That a request be sent by this Convention for inclusion of its support to be
11 posted on the "Supporters" page of the Equal Rights Amendment website.

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EXPLANATION:

In 1979, the 66th General Convention passed Resolution B0148 thus endorsing the Equal Rights Amendment and urging the several states to ratify it in their legislatures. The ERA states that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." It was ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states between 1972-1982, and it is scheduled to be reintroduced in Congress on July 21st. Political activity based on both this start-over process and a "three-state strategy" that might retain the existing 35 ratifications is increasing, and renewal of the General Convention's historic support will contribute to this effort.

BALLOT RESULTS:

*Endorser(s):*The Rev. Sandye A. Wilson, Dr. Louie Crew