

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO RATIFY THE PROPOSED EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO SEND CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE, AND THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment was first introduced in Congress in 1923 and was filed every session thereafter from 1923 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution was sent to the States for ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution states:

“SECTION 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of gender.

SECTION 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification;” and

WHEREAS, Congress placed a deadline of June 30, 1982, on the ratification process and thirty-five states ratified the proposed Amendment before the deadline; and

WHEREAS, Florida was not one of the thirty-five states that ratified the Equal Rights Amendment before the deadline expired: and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Florida voters, by a margin of 65 percent to 35 percent, approved a similar amendment to the Florida Constitution when they approved Revision 9, which added and clarified that “all natural persons, female and male alike, are equal before the law,” therefore clearly indicating that ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment would be fully consistent with the will of the majority of the voters in this state; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the United States Constitution allows the Legislature of the State of Florida to ratify this proposed Amendment to the United States Constitution, and bills have been filed in both the Florida House and Senate to ratify the proposed Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne, Florida find that the proposed Amendment is meaningful and needed as part of the United States Constitution and that the present political, social, and economic conditions are the same or are even more pressing as when the proposed Amendment was first submitted for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Village Council of the Village of Key Biscayne hereby urge the Florida Legislature to ratify the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Section 2. That the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, and the Governor of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2006.

MAYOR ROBERT OLDAKOWSKI

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY