

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2020

To: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board Pima County Board of Supervisors From: Sharon Bronson
District 3 Supervisor

Pima County Board of Supervisors

Re: Addendum Item for January 14, 2020 Meeting

Please place the following item on the addendum for the Board of Supervisors meeting on January 14, 2020.

New Business

Resolution No. 2020 - , of the Board of Supervisors, in support of Arizona Senate concurrent resolution 1001 ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing equal rights for men and women.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF ARIZONA SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1001 RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING EQUAL RIGHTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the Congress of the United States adopted a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States by adding a new Article, which states:

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

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

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

and

WHEREAS, the above Equal Rights Amendment is needed in order to affirm that phrases such as "all men are created equal," "liberty and justice for all," "equal justice of the laws," "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" apply equally to women and men, and reflect values that are Constitutional in nature; and

WHEREAS, as we enter a new decade women are still not guaranteed equal rights under the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Passage of a constitutional amendment requires ratification by three-quarters of the states (38) of which have 37 have voted to approve the pending amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pima County Board of Supervisors calls for the Arizona State Legislature to vote on and approve Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1001, thus providing the required ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by three-quarters of the states undeniably ensuring the equality of women under the law.

Passed AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona this 14th day of January, 2020

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

By Acting Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Julie Castaneda, Clerk of the Board

Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney