

## Inter Tribal Association of Arizona 21 TRIBAL NATIONS

## Resolution 0819

Urging the Arizona Legislature to Hear and Ratify an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Relative to Equal Rights for Men and Women

Ak-Chin Indian Community

Cocopah Tribe

Colorado River Indian Tribes

Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

> Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Gila River Indian Community

Havasupai Tribe

Hopi Tribe

Hualapai Tribe

Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Pueblo of Zuni Quechan Tribe

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

San Carlos Apache Tribe

San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe

Tohono O'odham Nation

Tonto Apache Tribe

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Yavapai-Apache Nation

Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe WHEREAS, the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, (ITAA), an association of 21 tribal governments in Arizona, provides a forum for tribal governments to advocate for national, regional and specific tribal concerns and to join in united action to address these concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona have the authority to act to further their collective interests as sovereign tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona has the charge to support and represent particular Member Tribes on matters directly affecting them upon their request; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, the Congress of the United States, in both houses by a constitutional majority of two-thirds in both houses, adopted a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women i.e. Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and

WHEREAS, through 1977, the amendment received 35 of the necessary state ratifications; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2017, the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Congress' submission of the ERA to state legislatures, the Nevada Legislature ratified the ERA; and

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2018, the Illinois General Assembly ratified the ERA; and

WHEREAS, 37 of the required 38 states have now ratified the ERA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona hereby support an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights of men and women and urge the Arizona Legislature to hear and ratify the same so that Arizona may become the 38th and historically significant state needed for ratification of the ERA to the Constitution of the United States.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was presented and duly adopted at a meeting of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, where a quorum was present on Friday, November 22, 2019.

Shan Lewis.

President, Inter Tribal Association of Arizona Vice-Chairman, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe