

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL (ERA) Constitutional Amendment
Resolution 2025-05**

WHEREAS, the Oregon Constitution, Article XV, 5a states that “only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or legally recognized as a marriage,” and

WHEREAS, transgender people do not have Constitutional protections for gender-affirming health care, and

WHEREAS, reproductive freedom and bodily autonomy are not articulated in the Oregon Constitution, and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 33 (SJR 33) of the 2023 Oregon Regular Legislative Session would have referred to Oregon voters the Equal Rights for All (ERA) Constitutional Amendment to protect our fundamental rights and freedoms to control our bodies, lives, and futures – regardless of our sex, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, upon passage, the ERA would have amended the Oregon Constitution so that every Oregonian would have the freedom to make personal healthcare decisions and the right to access essential healthcare including IVF, contraceptives, abortion and gender affirming care, and

WHEREAS, the ERA would have amended the Oregon Constitution to remove our shameful ban on same-gender marriage, ensuring every Oregonian couple the right to marry if they desire to do so, and

WHEREAS, several counties, including Deschutes, Linn, Multnomah, and Polk Counties, have passed resolutions in support of SJR 33 and the ERA or on relevant subjects since its introduction in 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Party of Oregon has passed a resolution in support of IP 33 at the first quarter 2025 State Central Committee (SCC) meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Constitution may be amended by ballot measure that is either Legislative Referral or Citizen Initiative, and

WHEREAS, via the original DPO resolution passed on May 21, 2023, the Democratic Party of Oregon was directed by the State Central Committee to take proactive steps to accelerate the endorsement of an ERA ballot measure effort, and work with the LGBTQIA2S+ community inside of the DPO to this end, and

WHEREAS, the ACLU of Oregon, Basic Rights Oregon, the Latino Network, and other ally organizations have commenced an initiative campaign on behalf of the Equal Rights for All Amendment, which is a reintroduction of SJR 33 of 2023, for the 2026 general election, and

WHEREAS, as of January 27, 2025, the ballot title language has been approved and initiative signature collection is underway,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Washington County Democrats (WCD) acknowledges and supports this renewed ballot measure effort on behalf of the Equal Rights for All Constitutional Amendment (IP 33), and

Section 2. The WCD will actively and immediately support the current ERA citizen initiative petition effort by:

- Publishing articles on the WCD Website in support of the ERA amendment,

- Work with the ERA campaign to distribute campaign materials
- Invite ERA amendment signature collectors to WCD Events where a reasonable amount of signatures can be collected,
- Authorize the ERA amendment campaign to use the Washington County Democrats' logo and branding as an endorsement,
- Encourage WCD PCPs and Volunteers to sign the initiative petition and volunteer for the campaign, and
- Any other method of supporting the qualification of the Initiative Petition and final passage of the ballot measure.

Section 3. The WCD, upon certification of the ERA amendment for the ballot, will work for a quick endorsement of the qualified ballot measure.