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# PRESS RELEASE

## WOMEN'S HEALTH SPECIALISTS ANNOUNCES THEIR SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Dear Friends:

Women's Health Specialists is outraged at the erosion of the rights of pregnant people throughout the country, criminalizing them for seeking abortions and for exercising their rights to full body sovereignty.

### THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO FIGHT BACK!

Over the past 48 years, our community has stood with us as we provided comprehensive reproductive health services. Now, on August 19th at 6:00 p.m. at our Chico Clinic, we're hosting a clinic launch of a historic drive to gather signatures for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Join us as we partner with [Sign4ERA](#)'s Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Petition Campaign to demand protection of all U.S. citizens' reproductive rights.

We'll open our clinic doors in Chico so you, our community members, can come sign the petition beseeching Congress to formalize the ERA as the 28th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Be a part of this historic event to show your commitment to ensuring reproductive rights and gender equality for every U.S. citizen, and please share this message to your friends and family, and on your social.

#### WHAT:

ERA Signing Celebration

#### WHERE:

1469 Humboldt Road, Chico, CA

#### WHEN:

Saturday, August 19, 6:00 p.m



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## ERA HER/HISTORY:

The Equal Rights Amendment was introduced 100 years ago to codify gender equality. Fifty-eight years later, in 1972, the ERA was passed by the House and the Senate. While the Constitution does not stipulate time limits for ratifying amendments and the ERA itself specifies no time limits, Congress at that time placed a seven-year limit on ratification, which was then extended from 1979 to 1982.

By 1982, only 35 states had passed the amendment – three states short of the Constitutional requirement of a three-quarters majority. But since that time, enough states have passed the ERA to meet that majority rule, and many legal scholars agree that the ERA can now in fact be ratified into the U.S. Constitution. Going forward, this means that Congress could potentially vote to eliminate the deadline – or it could be challenged in court.

Since the Supreme Court's disastrous 2022 Dobbs Decision ending the federal right to abortion, 14 Republican-dominated states promptly banned abortion. Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas banned abortion, with no exceptions for rape or incest. This has endangered the lives, health and freedom of women across the country –who are now under grave threat, with many women in these states already refused life-saving health care... and some even facing prison terms for attempting to control their own (or their teenage daughters') fertility.

Some may believe that the Fourteenth Amendment, passed in 1868, guarantees equal protections – but it did not, and was never intended to protect women. To end this nightmarish crisis, we urge our communities to mobilize for the ERA to ensure people of all genders in all states have the Constitutionally guaranteed right to abortion and other equal rights.

### Legal scholars are convinced that the ERA will:


- Make abortion accessible, safe and legal throughout the country
  - Ensure Title IX enforcement (which is currently under attack)
  - Achieve pay equity and paid family leave
  - Expand protections against sexual violence
- ... and so much more.

**On Saturday, August 19th at 6:00 p.m., join WHS/Sign4ERA's signing celebration to stand up for your rights!**

Sincerely,  
Katrina Cantrell  
Executive Director



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