

ERA NOW

Honorable Carolyn Maloney

Founder and President

Member of Congress, 1993-2023

[ERA NOW](#) is a nonprofit, 501c3 organization founded to raise awareness and activate supporters around the need to pass an ERA Congressional Joint Resolution that recognizes the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th amendment to the United States Constitution.

ERA NOW was founded by former Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney after leaving Congress. She was the lead sponsor of the ERA throughout her congressional service from 1993 to 2023.

ERA NOW has three strategies:

[Sign4ERA.org](#), is a national petition drive developed during Carolyn's leadership class by Hunter College students at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute in New York City. The Sign4ERA.org strategy has resulted in 160,000 signatures as of March 2026 urging Congress to act on the Joint Resolution with a goal of 1 million signatures by November. It is designed around research that found petitioning empowered those engaged to become active leaders and organizers not only at present, but decades into the future, and ultimately build communities of activists, with the petition itself becoming a genesis for dialogues, contacts, and collaboration.

[Driving the Vote for Equality](#) begins during Women's History Month in New York City and then tours 25 states ending in early June. The 2026 Driving the Vote Tour retraces a 1916 suffragist tour of 10,700 miles across the U.S. and back in a 1914 Saxon roadster called the Golden Flyer -- at a time when the drive for women's voting rights was stalled. Following in the suffragists tracks, the ERA NOW tour will travel through the same states in a restored Saxon named Golden Flyer II to raise awareness and activate supporters as it mobilizes voters and collects petition signatures for the National ERA petition drive, Sign4ERA.

Mayors for ERA was inspired by a [resolution passed in 2019](#) by the United States Conference of Mayors that "pledges to support the Equal Rights Amendment and play an active role in ensuring its full ratification." Mayors from across the country have held signing events to add their name to the Sign4ERA petition drive.

About the ERA Joint Resolution: Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment in 1972, and by 2020 it had been fully ratified by the required 38 states. Since then, Congress has introduced resolutions affirming the ERA's validity and constitutional status regardless of arbitrary timelines; to date none have passed in both Houses.

The same joint resolutions are again in 2026 before Congress to establish ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment by 3/4th of the states notwithstanding any arbitrary time limit. By March 2026, 218 U.S. House Members had signed the ERA Joint Resolution ([H.J. Res. 80](#)) as cosponsors (217 Democrats, 1 Republican).