

McLean County Museum of History

Equal Rights Amendment Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

In 1972, the U. S. Congress passed the proposed Constitutional Amendment granting women more rights beyond the right to vote: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” Congress sent it to the states for certification by their legislatures. A minimum of thirty-eight states is needed to ratify an amendment. The Illinois General Assembly was the 37th state to ratify the ERA Constitutional Amendment in 2018. In spring 2017 the IL-ERA Coalition of Bloomington-Normal was formed to promote Illinois’ ratification.

Scope

The collection consists of the personal files of Kay Moss and Sally Bulkley Pancrazio, the Co-Chairs of the IL-ERA Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. In addition, there are copies of government documents, lists of individual and group advocates, a petition to legislators, informational and promotional materials about the need for the campaign, and media coverage. These items cover the period between April 2017 and August 2018.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Correspondence with Museum

- 1.1 Email from Susan Hartzold, McLean Co. Museum of History, to Sally Pancrazio and Kay Moss, June 12, 2018, re June 27, 2018, meeting at the museum.
- 1.2 Email from Susan Hartzold, MCMH, to allusers@mchistory.org, June 28, 2018, re donation of ERA passage in Illinois campaign materials, with invitation to attend celebration.
- 1.3 Gift agreement with Pancrazio, March 22, 2024.
- 1.4 Thank you note from Pancrazio to librarian Bill Kemp, April 2, 2024.

Folder 2: Senate Joint Resolution

- 2.1 Certificate of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 4, passed by Illinois General Assembly, that indicates ratification by the State of the federal Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. June 15, 2018.
- 2.2 100th General Assembly State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment SC0004. 4 pp.
- 2.3 Letter from Kay Moss to MCMH Executive Director Adam Lovell conveying certificate of the Illinois General Assembly’s ratification of the ERA that is sent to the U.S. government.

Folder 3: Informational Materials

- 3.1 “Myths about the ERA debunked.” The Catalyst, Nov. 2015, Vol. 21, No. 3. 2 pp.

- 3.2 “100th General Assembly State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment SC0004.” 4 pp.
- 3.3 Illinois Bipartisan Coalition to Support the Equal Rights Amendment 2017 Fact Sheet.
- 3.4 Republicans for the Equal Rights Amendment 2017.
- 3.5 Blog Entries for ERA Website. June 23, 2017. 4 pp.
- 3.6 “Illinois Crucial to Passing Equal Rights Amendment,” WGLT radio article by Judith Valente, July 26, 2017.
- 3.7 ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. fact sheet, undated.
- 3.8 “What is the Equal Rights Amendment?” Fact sheet. Undated.
- 3.9 “Other Frequently Asked Questions.” Fact sheet. Undated.
- 3.10 “Conservatives for the Equal Rights Amendment?” Undated.
- 3.11 “Equal Means Equal.” ERA Illinois. Undated.
- 3.12 “Tell your legislator to support the Equal Rights Amendment (SJRC0004)” Undated.
- 3.13 “Why do we need the ERA?.” ERA Illinois. Undated.
- 3.14 “Fact Sheet Regarding the Ratification of the U.S. Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois.” undated.
- 3.15 ERA Illinois It’s Time: “States with an Equal Rights Amendment to their State Constitution and who have ratified the ERA for the US Constitution.” 1 page. No date.0

Folder 4: Petition

- 4.1 Blank copy of the petition supporting Illinois ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, with notation that it was given to legislators Dan Brady, Jason Barickman and Bill Brady.
- 4.2 Completed petitions, with notation 1734 entries.

Folder 5: Promotional Items

- 5.1 Should ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment be a national priority? Card promoting ratification. © ERA Action 2017.
- 5.2 Pink action card to be given to state legislators, issued by Illinois Women March on Springfield, 4-25-2017.
- 5.3 ERA Campaign Kickoff! #BloNo4ERA. Promoting Celebration to Support the Equal Rights Amendment, 7/27/17.
- 5.4 ERA YES. Circular magnet.
- 5.5 EQUAL: An Activity Book. Funded by Amer. Assoc. of University Women of Illinois for www.eraillinois.org

Folder 6: Planning Notes April-Aug 2017

- 6.1 ERA Hunker Down, April 13, 2017 planning note
- 6.2 Kay Moss email, Apr. 24, 2017, summarizing meeting to plan an ERA ratification rally.
- 6.3 ERA efforts contact list, handwritten meeting notes, Apr. 24, 2017.
- 6.4 Coalition for the Ratification of the ERA Agenda, Apr. 30, 2017.
- 6.5 Kay Moss email, “today’s ERA meeting” Apr. 30, 2017, summarizing Apr. 30, 2017 meeting.
- 6.6 5.1.17 Conference Call handwritten notes 3 pp.
- 6.7 Kay Moss email, May 1, 2017, “ERA notes v.2” revised summary of Apr. 30th meeting.

- 6.8 Pass the ERA fundraising event ideas and ERA Fundraiser memo Pass the ERA fundraising event ideas, no date. 2 pp.
- 6.9 Update Report to ERA Ratification Committee, May 11, 2017.
- 6.10 ERA Warriors Contact Information, May 17, 2017.
- 6.11 May 21: Update on ERA Projects, 2 pp.
- 6.12 ERA Coalition of Bloomington-Normal memo re coalitions. May 21, 2017.
- 6.13 Must Do: Coalition partners handwritten memo, no date.
- 6.14 Sharon Chung email, "Meeting today" May 21, 2017, re obtaining printed signs.
- 6.15 June Update on ERA projects. 3 pp.
- 6.16 June Update on ERA projects, Moss markup. 3 pp.
- 6.17 Kay Moss email, "ERA Campaign Kickoff meeting notes" June 7, 2017.
- 6.18 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. Phase 1 and 2 timeline memo. Sally Pancrazio and Kay Moss. June 14, 2017.
- 6.19 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. To-do list and reminders memo, with Moss markup. June 18, 2017, remaining 5 pages dates June 19, 2017. 6 pp.
- 6.20 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. Project memo, with Moss markup. June 20, 2017. 7 pp.
- 6.21 ERA Action Meeting for Illinois Coalition Partners planning meeting memo with background information. June 26, 2017. 15 pp.
- 6.22 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal planning meeting memo. July 5, 2017. 7 pp. With Moss markups.
- 6.23 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal planning meeting memo. p. 1 dated July 27, 2017, remaining 4 pages dated July 23, 2017. With Moss markups.
- 6.24 Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal planning meeting memo with Kay Moss markup. July 28, 2017. 2 pp.
- 6.25 Photocopy of handwritten notes on "Targets as of Aug 25, 2018" (Based on info on the sheet, this is actually Aug 2017.)

Folder 7: Affiliated Groups

- 7.1. Black Lives Matter Bloomington-Normal 1 sheet handout
- 7.2. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated handout with local contact information.
- 7.3. AAUW fundraising letter to Sally B. Pancrazio for 2018.
- 7.4. Women's Bar Association of Illinois. "6 Reasons I support the Equal Rights Amendment as an Employment Lawyer" handout.
- 7.5. Illinois Senate Democrats Support Illinois Women 1 sheet handout.
- 7.6. Business card, Jim Covington, Director of Legislative Affairs, Illinois State Bar Association.

Folder 8: State Rep. Dan Brady

- 8.1 Letter to Rep. Dan Brady, May 2, 2017, after May 1, 2017, meeting, from R. Kay Moss and Sally Bulkley Pancrazio.
- 8.2 Letter to Rep. Dan Brady, June 16, 2017, re June 14, 2017 meeting, from R. Kay Moss and Sally Bulkley Pancrazio.

- 8.3 Letter to Rep. Dan Brady, July 10, 2017, with follow-up information from June 14, 2017 meeting, from R. Kay Moss and Sally Bulkley Pancrazio.
- 8.4 Letter to Rep. Dan Brady, August 11, 2017, thanking him for supportive ERA remarks, from R. Kay Moss and Sally Bulkley Pancrazio.
- 8.5 Business card, Daniel P. Brady, State Representative 105th District, Deputy Republican Leader.
- 8.6 Business card, Jane E. Chamberlain, District Office Director to State Representative Dan Brady, 105th District.

Folder 9: Rally to Ratify Planning Notes

- 9.1 Plan for Rally to Ratify, Monday, August 7 meeting. Kay Moss' marked up agenda. 4 pp.
- 9.2 ERA Related Events and Plan for Rally to Ratify, Monday, August 14 meeting. Kay Moss' marked up agenda. 4 pp.
- 9.3 Final ERA Rally planning meeting, email from Jodie Slothower, September 13, 2017.
- 9.4 The ERA is Normal Rally to Ratify Saturday, September 16. Handout from ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. 1 page.

Folder 10: Newspaper Ad

- 10.1 Letter from Joanne Maitland, Honorary Chair Bloomington-Normal ERA Coalition, recruiting supporters for newspaper ad, under the Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal letterhead.
- 10.2 ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal fact sheet, undated..
- 10.3 ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal sign-up sheet to have name listed as a supporter in the newspaper ad. 5.5"x 8.25."
- 10.4 ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal sign-up sheet to have name listed as a supporter in the newspaper ad. 3.5"x 5."
- 10.5 Sample Full Page Ad. It's Time, Illinois! Pass the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Folder 11: Citizens Action Initiative

- 11.1 Appeal to Equal Means Equal to participate in Citizens Action Initiative: Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois, email from Kay Moss. August 28, 2017.
- 11.2 Proposal and budget for Citizens Action Initiative ERA workshop to Equal Means Equal, email from Kay Moss, August 31, 2017.
- 11.3 Proposal with budget, print of attachment to Kay Moss email, August 31, 2017. 3pp on "How to Petition Your Representative" workshop.
- 11.4 Equal Means Equal response regarding Citizens Action Initiative budget, email from Kamala Lopez, Sept. 4, 2017
- 11.5 Response from Kay Moss and Sally Pancrazio re Equal Means Equal Sept. 4 email, Sept. 5, 2017.
- 11.6 Response from Equal Means Equal artistic director to Moss/Pancrazio Sept. 4 email. Sept. 5, 2017.
- 11.7 Notes on yellow-lined paper re planning for Citizens Action Initiative. Undated, unsigned.
- 11.8 Nov. 4, 2017 Citizens Action Initiative: Ratification of the ERA in Illinois, How to petition your Representative information and registration sheet.

Folder 12 Campaign Planning – Oct. 2017-Jan. 2018

- 12.1 Illinois General Assembly members list with handwritten markup
- 12.2 Equal Rights Amendment Constituent Push memo from Kay Moss and Sally Pancrazio. Sept. 13, 2017.
- 12.3 Possible ERA Partners list. 5 pp.
- 12.4 Illinois House of Representatives 100th General Assembly Officers list 2017.
- 12.5 Email from A. J. Conroy to Sally Pancrazio, Kay Moss, Jennifer Lee re Winston Strawn [law firm], with handwritten markups. Oct. 26, 2017.
- 12.6 Generic thank-you letter to legislators and influencers for talking about the Equal Rights Amendment. From Sally Pancrazio and Kay Moss, Co-Chairs, ERA Illinois. November 2017.
- 12.7 2017 – Illinois Activity Survey, ERA Illinois summary.
- 12.8 ERA Strategy Meeting Agenda, Jan. 15, 2018. With markups.
- 12.9 Meeting Attendee List, Jan. 15, 2018. 3 pp.
- 12.10 Possible Persuadable Legislators and Groups for the ERA. No date.

Folder 13: Voting Records

- 13.1 Analysis of Illinois House Votes Regarding Future ERA Vote. Draft: August 2017. Prepared by Sally Pancrazio and Kay Moss, Co-Chairs, ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal. Wi. markups. 5 pp.
- 13.2 II General Assembly Roll Call Analysis (ERA).
- 13.3 State of Illinois Ninety-Eighth General Assembly House Roll Call Sen. Bill 10 Civil Law-Tech 3rd Reading Passed. 11/5/2013.
- 13.4 State of Illinois Ninety-Eighth General Assembly Senate Vote Sen. Bill 10 Concur in House Amendment Concurrence Third Reading. 11/5/2013.
- 13.5 State of Illinois Ninety-Eighth General Assembly House Roll Call Sen. Jt. Res. Const. Amendment 75, US Const. Equal Rights Amend.....5/27/2014.
- 13.6 State of Illinois Ninety-Ninth General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 5576....4/21/2016.
- 13.7 State of Illinois Ninety-Ninth General Assembly Senate Vote, H. B. 5576, Third Reading. 5/25/2016.
- 13.8 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Committee Vote, Subcommittee on Const. Amendments – Sen. Jt. Res. Const. Amendment No 4. 4/25/2017.
- 13.9 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Committee Vote, Executive – Sen. Jt. Res. Const. Amendment No. 4. 4/26/2017.
- 13.10 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 40 Abortion-Variou, Third Reading Passed. 4/25.2017.
- 13.11 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Vote H. B. 40 Third Reading [passed]. 5/10/2017.
- 13.12 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 3215 SCH CD-Feminine Hygiene Product Third Reading Passed. 4/25/2017.
- 13.13 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Vote H. B. 3215 Third Reading [passed]. 5/25/2017.
- 13.14 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Vote House Bill No. 2771 Third Reading [passed]. 5/30/2017.

- 13.15 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 2771 Healthy Workplace Act Motion to concur in Sen. Amend. No. 1...Lost. 6/26/2017.
- 13.16 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 2771 Healthy Workplace Act Motion to concur in Sen. Amend. No. 2. Concurred. 6/26/2017.
- 13.17 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Vote House Bill No. 2771 Third Reading. 5/30/2107.
- 13.18 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 2462 Equal Pay Act—Wage History Third Reading Passed. 4/26/2017.
- 13.19 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly House Roll Call House Bill 1785 Birth Cert-Sex Designation Third Reading Passed. 5/25/2017.
- 13.20 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate polling sheets, no bill listed, annotated. 2 pp. 10/25/17.
- 13.21 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Analysis Data/Polling for ERA vote. Veto sessions: Oct. 24-26, Nov. 9. 10/15/17. 11 pp.
- 13.22 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Analysis Data/Polling for ERA vote. Veto sessions: Oct. 24-26, Nov. 9. 10/15/17. Annotated. 11 pp.
- 13.23 List of some Senate and House legislators by party affiliation. Annotated. 11.9.17.
- 13.24 2017 Senate Members Offices in Capitol.

Folder 14: Notes – Kay Moss Fall 2017

- 13.1 Kay Moss’s handwritten notes about ERA campaign, fall 2017. 14 pp. on lined yellow notepaper.

Folder 15: Lobbying

- 13.1 Letter to JB Pritzker from Kay Moss, requesting help contacting Democrat Representatives. 2 pp. No date.
- 13.2 Email chain among John Reis, Joan Lipinski, Rep. Tom Bennett and others, June 4-5, 2018. 6 pp.

Folder 16: State Sen. Bill Brady

- 16.1 Questions posed to S. Pancrazio by Sen. Bill Brady. Handwritten note.
- 16.2 Letter to Senator Bill Brady conveying ERA ratification information notebook, from Sally B. Pancrazio. March 28, 2018.
- 16.3 100th General Assembly State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment SJRCA 004. Synopsis. 4 pp.

Loose Item:

Three-ring binder, white, “Information for Senator Bill Brady regarding the Equal Rights Amendment.

- A. Illinois and national organizations that support Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 0004.... 4 pp.
- B. ERA Coalition of Bloomington-Normal Chairpersons and member organizations.
- C. Sponsors of ERA legislation in the U.S. Congress.
- D. States with an ERA in their state constitution....3 pp.
- E. Information on states that rescinded the ERA and related court cases.

- F. Relationship of states having state ERA provisions and whether they ratified the federal ERA.
- G. Opposition arguments against ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the corresponding facts.
- H. What ERA proponents in Illinois want.
- I. Compilers of information.
 - Fact sheet regarding ratification of US ERA in Illinois
 - Illinois Bipartisan Coalition to Support the ERA 2017 Fact Sheet
 - Equal Means Equal handout on ERA
 - Republicans for the Equal Rights Amendment 2017
 - Equal Rights Amendment Illinois Coalition of Bloomington/Normal Phase 1 & 2 activity list, Jun 14, 2017.
 - (in back cover) History of the ERA in Illinois, 2 pp.

Folder 17: Voting Records 2018

- 17.1 Current Senate Members 100th General Assembly Democrats: 37 Republicans: 22.
- 17.2 State of Illinois 100th General Assembly Senate Vote Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 4 RESOLUTION.
- 17.3 Illinois Senate 100th General Assembly Roll Call SJRCA4 Resolutions Steans, Martinez, US Const. Equal Rights Amend. Sequence No. 1, 4/11/2018.
- 17.4 Senators polling sheet, annotated by Moss.
- 17.5 Senators polling sheet Final actual ERA 2018 April 11 vote. Annotated. 2 pp.
- 17.6 100th General Assembly Representatives list.
- 17.7 Illinois General Assembly Current House Members 100th General Assembly. Annotated "Annie's target list" Moss.
- 17.8 Lobbyists' House members polling sheet, limited markup. [cream color]
- 17.9 Lobbyists' Senate members polling sheet. [orange color]
- 17.10 Senate and House members polling sheet, with markup [gold color]
- 17.11 Kay Moss's handwritten note of 4/16/18 conference call with Lou Lang.
- 17.12 Key Representatives to contact to support the Equal Rights Amendment (SJRCA0004).
- 17.13 ERA Possibles – Illinois House members and district. Handwritten list.
- 17.14 ERA House Persons-of-Interest May 30, 2018. Annotated list.
- 17.15 State of Illinois One Hundredth General Assembly House Roll Call Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 4 US Const Equal Rights Amend Adopted, May 30, 2018. Annotated.
- 17.16 Illinois House District Members polling sheet, annotated with May 30 2018 actual vote on ERA. 4 pp.

Folder 18: Media Coverage

- 18.1 Photocopy of "Support for the ERA." Email of Kay Moss Letter to the Editor, *Pantagraph*. May 16, 2017.
- 18.2 "Illinois needs to ratify ERA and do it now." *Pantagraph* editorial. May 16, 2017.
- 18.3 Photocopy of article "Illinois House sets up ERA vote." *Pantagraph* May 17, 2017.
- 18.4 Photocopy of article "Group to push for votes to ratify ERA." *Pantagraph* July 23, 2017.
- 18.5 Photocopy of article "Coalition kicks off efforts to ratify ERA." *Pantagraph* July 28, 2017.

- 18.6 Photocopy of Letters to the Editor: “ERA will build stronger families” and Time for Illinois to ratify the ERA.” *Pantagraph*. July 2017.
- 18.7 Photocopy of reprint “Illinois Catholic Group Won’t Oppose ERA.” By Judith Valente, *WGLT 89.1*. September 20, 2017.
- 18.8 Photocopy of reprint of news item interview with State Rep. Dan Brady. By Howard Packowitz, *WJBC AM*. No date.

Folder 19: Kay Moss Summary Memo

- 19.1 Memo recalling how Kay Moss, co-chair of the ERA Illinois Coalition of Bloomington-Normal worked with proponents of ERA ratification in McLean County and around Illinois. No date.

Folder 20: State Rep. Lang letter

- 20.1 Rep. Lang thank-you letter to Sally Pancrazio. June 13, 2018.

Folder 21: Celebration

- 21.1 Gratified Illinois Ratified the Equal Rights Amendment. Poster. [7/27/18]

Folder 22: Presentation to the American Business Women’s Association

- 22.1 The Equal Rights Amendment: Why it took so long to pass in Illinois and why it’s important as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Presentation to the Illinois Heartland Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association by Sally Bulkley Pancrazio, August 9, 2018.

Folder 23: Photos

- 23.1 Local advocates kick-off ERA drive with help from prominent Republican couple: former State Sen. John Maitland, Joanne Maitland. July 2017.
- 23.2 Chris Koos, Sally Bulkley Pancrazio and Sara Quah. Posted on social media by Voices of Reason. July 2017.
- 23.3 Sally Bulkley Pancrazio, Kathleen Kirk and Rita ? at ERA Illinois Coalition of BN Celebration. July 27, 2018.
- 23.4 Sally Bulkley Pancrazio and Kay Moss, co-chairs of the ERA Illinois Coalition of BN. April 2018.
- 23.5 State Representatives Dan Brady and Lou Lang with Joanne Maitland, honorary co-chair of the ERA Illinois Coalition of BN. Rally on Illinois State University campus. 2

Folder 24: After Illinois’ Ratification: 2018-2024

- 24.1 Eight (8) news articles and opinion pieces on Virginia ratifying (2020) and US House of Representatives removing 1982 ratification deadline (2020) from various newspapers.
- 24.2 Letter from Illinois Congressman Darin LaHood to Pancrazio stating that Illinois has not yet ratified (?) and that the US House resolution to eliminate the deadline is in committee, Sep 4, 2018.
- 24.3 Memo from Bill Houlihan to Paula Purdue and Pancrazio on Certifying and Publishing the ERA, Nov 1, 2023. Plus attached photocopy of letter from American Constitution Society to Chair of Committee on Oversight and Reform of US House, Mar 21, 2022, stating view on current legal status of ERA. 4pp with footnotes.

- 24.4 Letter from Pancrazio to US Senator Duckworth, Jan 23, 2024, on Senate Joint Resolution supporting actions to publish the ERA.
- 24.5 Letter from Pancrazio to US Senator Durbin, Jan 23, 2024, on Senate Joint Resolution supporting actions to publish the ERA.
- 24.6 Letter from Senator Durbin to Pancrazio, Jan 31, 2024, recapping history of actions on ERA including Apr 2023 defeat of the senate resolution to remove the deadline for ratification. 2pp.
- 24.7 Form letters to Congressman Eric Sorensen asking him to sign on to HJR 82 to certify and publish the ERA, Feb 14, 2024. Four (4) letters signed by JJ M Whalen, Chamberly A. Harris, Karla Bailey Smith, and Ben Matthews.