



Resolution

Supporting Award of Congressional Gold Medal
to New Jersey Suffragist and
Equal Rights Amendment Co-author

ALICE PAUL

WHEREAS, Alice Paul was born in Mt. Laurel in 1885, earned three law degrees, served as the chief architect of many legal and political advancements for women in the past century, and devoted her life's energies to seeing that society treated men and women equally, and

WHEREAS, Alice Paul formed the National Woman's Party and was a founder of the Congressional Union, a group devoted to obtaining the right to vote for women, and

WHEREAS, following the adoption of the 19th Amendment, when many suffragists believed the work of equality was largely accomplished, Paul began the next chapter in progress at the 1923 Seneca Falls Convention where she introduced the Equal Rights Amendment, and

WHEREAS, the Amendment provides the following:

Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification, and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the amendment in 1972, which fell three states short of ratification, and the amendment, now called the Alice Paul Amendment, has been reintroduced in every session of Congress since that time, and

WHEREAS, Alice Paul continued to advocate on behalf of the ERA until her death in 1977, and her work has served as an inspiration and has empowered generations of women to advocate for equal rights, and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the leading voice of the profession, has made it a priority to see the ratification of the ERA because it believes the time has come for all Americans to enjoy equal rights, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the NJSBA urges the U.S. Congress to pass S.1980, introduced by U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), which would posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Alice Paul and bring additional attention and recognition to the efforts to advance the ERA.

I, Domenick Carmagnola, Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution approved by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 23, 2016. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand as such Secretary and affix the corporate seal of the New Jersey State Bar Association on this 23rd day of September, 2016.

DOMENICK CARMAGNOLA
SECRETARY

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