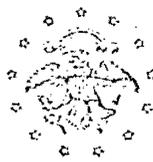


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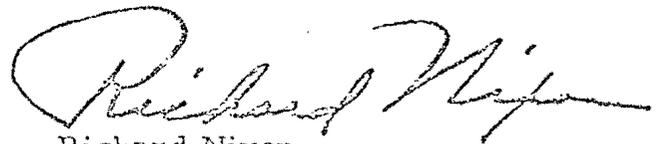
Statement by The Vice President
on The Equal Rights Amendment

Forty years ago, American women were given the constitutional right to vote. Today it is accepted as a matter of course that men and women have an equal electoral franchise in this country and that American men and women will have an equal voice in choosing a new President, a Congress and state and local governing officials and bodies.

But the task of achieving Constitutional equality between the sexes still is not completed. The platform adopted by the Republican National Convention which met in Chicago in July supported the long-time movement for such equality when it said: "Congress should submit a Constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women."

This comprehensive statement buttressed the earlier message to Congress by President Eisenhower declaring that, "I believe that the Congress should make certain that women are not denied equal rights with men."

It is my hope that there will be widespread support for our platform declaration in behalf of an equal rights amendment to our Constitution which would add equality between the sexes to the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all Americans.


Richard Nixon