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Equal Rights Amendment Hunger Strike

Attorney Gloria Allred Begins Hunger Strike (90 meal solid food fast) **In support of the Equal Rights Amendment In Advance of the** **90th Anniversary of Women's winning the right to vote in the U.S.**

Attorney Gloria Allred announced today that she has begun a 90 meal solid food fast to draw attention to the need to pass the Equal Rights Amendment, a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would provide a constitutional guarantee of equal rights for women.

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was first proposed by Alice Paul in 1923. Although it was previously introduced into Congress, passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representative and sent to the states in 1972 for ratification, a time limit was placed on the Amendment and ultimately it was not ratified by enough states before the time limit expired in 1979 or within the time later extended by Congress to 1982. (35 states ratified and 3 more were needed.)

The ERA has since been reintroduced into Congress (HJ.Res.61) but is still in the process of gathering co-sponsors.

Ms. Allred's 90 meal hunger strike fast, in which she will give up solid food for 30 days, will end on August 26, 2010, Women's Equality Day. That day marks the 90th anniversary of women's winning the right to vote in the U.S. by the addition of the 19th Amendment suffrage to the U.S. Constitution.

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