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Today is Day 17 of my hunger strike in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.).

On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, I pledged to give up 90 solid food meals (3 meals per day) for 30 days to bring attention to the need to add the E.R.A. to the U.S. Constitution. My liquids only fast will end on August 26, 2010, Women's Equality Day, which marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's winning the right to vote (the addition of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)

I am very moved and extremely happy that the National Women's Political Caucus (California Chapter) has come here today to announce their support of my hunger strike and to announce their new internet campaign to invite others to join me in fasting and in working to support the E.R.A. to get it back on track.

The Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.) 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 E.R.A. has since been reintroduced into Congress (HJ.Res.61) but is still in the process of gathering co-sponsors.

Activism by women is a necessity in order to provide the political momentum that the E.R.A. needs in order to be voted out of Congress and once again sent to the states for ratification. It needs to be passed by a 2/3 vote in Congress and ratified by 38 states.

In the alternative, there is a strong argument that Congress could remove the pre-existing deadline, and then only 3 more states would need to ratify in order for the E.R.A. to be added to the Constitution.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of my hunger strike, many people have been asking me if I am hungry.

My answer is simple. I have a hunger for justice for women and whether or

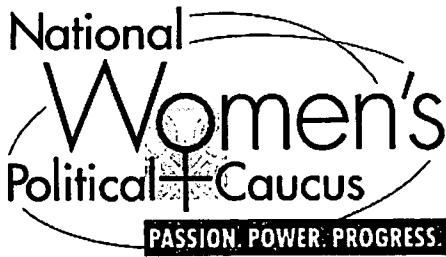
not I am fasting, my hunger for justice will never end until we win the addition of the E.R.A. to the U.S. Constitution and equal protection under the law.

Our daughters deserve it, our mothers have earned it and we must never stop until the words of the E.R.A. are added to the U.S. Constitution:

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

We are in it to win it and we will never stop until we do!

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## Join NWPC CA: Put the ERA on the *FAST* Track!

As we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote on August 26<sup>th</sup>, we must remember that all US citizens don't have equal protection against discrimination in the U.S. Constitution because there is NO Equal Rights Amendment!

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) simply states:

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

This simple and powerful amendment drafted by Alice Paul in 1923 would provide legal recourse in the fight for equality. Despite being introduced in every Congress since 1923, the ERA has never succeeded in gaining the 38 state ratifications needed to amend the Constitution.

Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) has reintroduced the ERA in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress and it is our responsibility to remind our Representatives that passing the ERA is important to us. Thus feminist, attorney, and equality advocate Gloria Allred has begun a *90-meal, 30 day, solid food fast* in support of the ERA, which ends on Women's Equality Day – August 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Please join NWPC CA & Gloria Allred in the campaign for equal rights by supporting Put the ERA on the FAST Track!**

**Show the conviction or your words *and* willpower. Sign your name to our petition and demand that elected officials of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress sign on to the ERA, then join thousands of individuals across the USA and pledge to a solid food fast - for one hour or a day – as a reminder that your efforts are helping to Put the ERA on the *FAST Track*.**

*I, the undersigned, urge you to sign on to the Equal Rights Amendment (House Joint Resolution 61) introduced by Rep. Carolyn Maloney and pledge to join thousands of individuals in support of the ERA by fasting.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I Pledge to Solid Food Fast\*\* For \_\_\_\_\_  Hour(s)  Day(s)  Week(s)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* Please consult your physician before starting a fast