

The Equal Rights Amendment
“My Rights – On Pause for 75 Years”

Over the weekend of January 19 - 20, 2019, DA members will be joining numerous groups in marches, vigils, and rallies for another Women’s March. This year’s theme is “Stop Violence Against Women.” Our DA Global Women’s caucus will focus on achieving this goal by working through our legal system to secure equality under the law. We know that participation in large group events is not possible for some of us in remote locations. Others are simply not able to be public about their views for professional or personal reasons.

So, we’ve put together a collection of ideas on how you and your friends can still get involved on “Women’s March Weekend” and take positive action throughout the coming year to defend women’s rights and democracy itself. Pick one event or create a combination of them. We just need one more state to ratify the amendment, so now is the time to increase awareness and demand full constitutional equality for women!

Event Option 1: Pressing Play — “Watch, Learn, and Act”

Participants could have a potluck with movie snacks and beverages. Equal Means Equal has agreed to let DA view the documentary for free and the link will be shared soon

Suggested Agenda:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Watch the *Equal Means Equal* documentary
3. Discussion

List of possible discussion questions:

- What did you learn from the documentary that you didn’t know before?
- What does equality mean to you?
- Marian Wright Edelman, a lifelong activist and the president and founder of the Children’s Defense Fund, advises all fellow activists to “be a good ancestor.” How can we convince the skeptics that ratifying the ERA is one important way that we can all be good ancestors?
- Does anyone feel comfortable sharing why the fight for equality feels personal to them?

4. Activity/Action

- Record a video message (script can be provided) to send to the state legislature of [the states that have not yet ratified the ERA](#)
- [Write postcards](#) to the governors and/or attorneys general of [the states that have not yet ratified the ERA](#)
- Take photos with ERA selfie frame and send them to the Global Women’s Caucus

Event Option 2: Equality is No Trivial Matter

The host will ask participants [trivia questions](#) about women's rights in the U.S. and worldwide. Depending on the desired length of the trivia game, hosts can choose a smaller set of questions from this list, or make the game multiple rounds long. Hosts, of course, can also supplement the list with their own trivia facts. Participants can form teams or answer independently. The winner could receive some sort of Democrats Abroad or Women's Caucus-related prize.

Suggested Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. [ERA Trivia](#)

3. Discussion

List of possible discussion questions:

- What did you learn from the trivia questions that you didn't know before?
- Do you know any other "fun facts" about the ERA or women's rights?
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Event Option 3: Getting Crafty

Participants make signs for their local marches in the shape of shields (think Wonder Woman). Slogans could make a connection to protecting or defending our rights.

Suggested Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Craft Session
3. Break for Discussion and Refreshments

List of possible discussion questions:

- What does equality mean to you?
- Why are you marching?
- Do you know any “fun facts” about the ERA or women’s rights?
- Do you know if your state has ratified the ERA?
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4. Complete Crafts and Take Photos

- Record a video message (script can be provided) to send to the state legislature of [the states that have not yet ratified the ERA](#)
- Take photos with your shield signs and send them to the Global Women’s Caucus

Suggested Supplies:

- cardboard and/or poster boards
- metallic paint pens
- metallic paper
- markers
- rulers
- stencil letters
- glue sticks
- fabric/felt
- stapler or hot glue gun (to attach the handle to the back of the shield)

