



WASHINGTON STATE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

BPW/WA Legislative Platform

Preamble

The Equal Rights Amendment, as authored by Alice Paul, shall stand first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the platform of this Federation until equal legal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution, because all statutory law derives there- from.

The Equal Rights Amendment

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

Platform

Economic Equity

Support pay equity, equal educational and economic opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help support economic self-sufficiency for women and their dependents.

Health

Support full access to all women's health services and education, including reproductive choice*; support funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs; and support the national health care policy sections specifically recognizing the special health care needs of women.

* Clarification clause on the words "including reproductive choice" is explained constitutionally, per the Equal Rights Amendment, as a legal right for a woman and a man to jointly decide on having a pregnancy, birth, or birth control.

Civil Rights

Support equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; support affirmative action; eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women.

Young Careerist Candidate's Signature:

I support the BPW/WA Legislative Platform.

Signature: _____ Date _____