

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 2.

JOINT RESOLUTION of the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, rejecting and refusing to ratify an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by Congress, to the Legislature of the several States.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland has received official notification of the passage by both Houses of the Sixty-sixth Congress of the United States of a proposal to amend the Constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following Article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

Article.

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

“Congress shall have power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation.”

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we deny that the Congress of the United States has any lawful right or power to propose such an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; we deny that the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States have any lawful right or power to adopt such an amendment; and we deny that such an amendment would be validly a part of the Constitution of the United States if thus adopted, for the following reasons:

The avowed purpose of the people of the United States in adopting the Federal Constitution was to establish a perpetual Union of States.