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On Women's Equality Day Florida NOW Applauds Decision to Include ERA and CEDAW on Democratic Platform

The Florida National Organization for Women (Florida NOW) applauds the Democratic Platform Committee for deciding to include the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on the Democratic Party's 2008 Platform. Jessica McCaffrey, Florida NOW President, states: "The ERA and CEDAW are necessary in order to bring women into full societal partnership with men, both in the United States and around the world. The Democratic Platform Committee's recent decision represents a long-overdue step towards viewing women's rights as a national and international priority."

Although the ERA was first introduced by suffragist Alice Paul in 1923, it has yet to be ratified by 15 U.S. states, including Florida. Florida NOW hopes that the ERA will remain on the Democratic Party's platform, and that its presence there will encourage the Florida legislature to ratify the amendment next year.