

April 10, 2000

Attention: Supervisor Kathy Long

This is a recommendation to Ventura County Board of Supervisors to join with other City, County and State governments and 165 Countries to pass a Resolution supporting the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

(see attached documents)

We recommend that this Resolution be adopted in conjunction with the celebration of the United States signing of the Convention. This is a celebration of the date (July 19, 1980) when CEDAW was signed on behalf of the United States by Sarah Weddington, Co-Chair of the Carter Administration appointed U. S. delegation to the U.N. Copenhagen Conference, 20 years ago.

Senator Barbara Boxer with many co-sponsors has reintroduced a Resolution S. Res.279 to the Senate calling for hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to facilitate the process leading to ratification of CEDAW within the time frame of July 19, 2000

Representative Lynn Woolsley has introduced a similar Resolution in the House of Representatives.(H.Res 107).

Another possible date to acknowledge with the passing of this resolution by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors is August 26,2000 the celebration of Women's Equality Day,commemorating the attainment of the Women's Right to Vote, 80 years ago.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Many cooperating organizations in Ventura County will be honored by the effort.

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