
RESOLUTIONS
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,
IN FAVOR OF

The proclamation of the President of the United States, of the first of January, emancipating the slaves in the insurgent States, and pledging the State of Michigan to sustain the national administration in all its efforts to quell the present rebellion, and restore peace to the Union.

MARCH 2, 1863.—Read, ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION on the state of the Union.

Whereas the present rebellion threatens the peace and perpetuity of the Union of the States, and requires the united efforts of all patriotic and loyal citizens to sustain the administration, to restore a permanent and honorable peace to the whole country: Therefore—

Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the State of Michigan, That we will sustain the national administration with all the means in our power, in all its efforts to quell the present rebellion, and restore peace to the Union.

Resolved, That we unreservedly approve the proclamation of the President of the United States, issued on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, emancipating slaves in the insurgent States and districts of the Union, believing it to be an act of justice warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity.

Resolved, That while we lament the gallant dead who have given their lives for their country, and mourn over the appalling sacrifices of blood and treasure which this war has already occasioned, we nevertheless rejoice that through the mad and guilty act of the southern conspirators that wicked and barbarous institution of African slavery will receive its death-blow; and as lovers of humanity and Christian civilization we hail this great consummation with exceeding joy, not as a cause for the proclamation of the President, but as a beneficent consequence which must flow from it.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to any terms of compromise or accommodation with the rebels while under arms and acting in hostility to the government of the Union, and on this we express

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but one sentiment—unconditional submission and obedience to the laws and Constitution of the Union.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing preamble and joint resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress, and to the governors of the several loyal States.

CHARLES M. CROSWELL,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

SULLIVAN M. CUTCHEON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved February 24, 1863.

AUSTIN BLAIR.