

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

*In relation to slavery.*

FEBRUARY 19, 1847.

Read, ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

Whereas the government of the United States, by the annexation of a foreign nation, and the admission of the State of Texas into the Union with a constitution which, in effect, makes slavery perpetual therein, have placed us before the world in the false attitude of supporters and defenders of a system of oppression, odious to every friend of liberty, and abhorrent to every principle of humanity and religion; and

Whereas the constant, progressive, and increasing encroachments of the slave power have become so formidable and imperious, that forbearance ceases to be a virtue, and to be silent is to be false to the great interests of liberty:—therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened,* That New Hampshire solemnly and deliberately announces and reiterates her abiding and unchanging adherence to the great principle of the declaration of our revolutionary fathers, that “all men are created equal,” reasserted in the first article of the bill of rights of our own constitution; that she declares her firm determination that, in the great contest now being waged between slavery and freedom, her voice shall be heard on the side of the oppressed; that she pledges her cordial sympathy, and, within the limits of her constitutional action, her co-operation with the friends of civil liberty throughout the land, in every just and well-directed effort for the suppression and extermination of that terrible scourge of our race, human slavery.

JOHN P. HALE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JAMES U. PARKER,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved July 10, 1846.

ANTHONY COLBY, *Governor.*

IN SENATE, July 10, 1846.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Hamilton, was read and adopted:

*Resolved,* That the governor be requested to transmit copies of the  
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preamble and resolution relating to slavery, passed at this session of the legislature, to the governors of the several States, with the request that they be laid before their respective legislatures ; and also a copy to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State, to be laid before their respective Houses.

*Ordered*, That the clerk lay before his excellency the governor a copy of the foregoing resolution.

The foregoing are true copies.

J. A. RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

GEORGE G. FOGG,  
*Secretary of State.*