

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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## NUMBER 1.

JOINT RESOLUTION in regard to the construction of a ship-canal from Portage lake to Lake Superior.

WHEREAS, The construction of the proposed railroads from Hudson to Bayfield, and from Saint Paul to Superior city, are progressing, and when completed will open the agricultural districts of our state to the markets of the east, by water communication by way of the lakes, thus encouraging one of our most productive sources of domestic income;

AND WHEREAS, the improvement of the navigation of Lake Superior becomes important to us as a means of promoting the interests of producers and consumers, of increasing the commerce of the lakes, encouraging the industry of our citizens, and adding to the wealth of Wisconsin and the nation: Therefore,

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That it becomes our duty to approve and commend the devotion of time, talent, skill and labor, and the expenditure of capital, to facilitate the transit of vessels over these waters, to remove natural obstructions by the appliances of art, to designate to navigators the dangers of the voyage, and show how they may be avoided, to shorten the distance by the proper observations of the true channels, to mark out new routes by which time and distance may be saved, and by all proper means to extend and enlarge the commerce of these great inland seas, which are to us of the west what the ocean is to our fellow-countrymen of the Atlantic states.

*Resolved,* That the construction of a ship-canal across the base of Kewenau Point, from Lake Superior to Portage lake, will promote these objects, and we declare our approval of that measure as one of great public usefulness, worthy of our encouragement and designed to promote the general welfare.

*Resolved,* That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to aid by all judicious and wise measures, by a grant of public lands, and such means as their judgment may approve, the

speedy completion of the Portage lake and Lake Superior ship-canal.

*Resolved*, That the governor be requested to forward to each of our senators and representatives in congress, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

Approved February 21, 1866.

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## NUMBER 2.

RESOLUTIONS expressing the approbation of the legislature of congress, in passing the "freedman's bureau bill," and in excluding representation from the rebellious districts.

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*, That while we remember with gratitude the noble and devoted patriotism manifested by President Johnson during the dark days of the rebellion, we should be guilty of deceiving him and misrepresenting our constituents, if we failed at this time to declare that his message vetoing the "freedman's bureau bill," in its general tone and spirit, has caused pain and disappointment among his true friends and supporters in our state, and has been hailed with exuberant joy and exultation by every man who sympathized with the rebellion, or who was cold and indifferent when treason threatened the life of the republic.

*Resolved*, That we most cordially indorse and approve of the action of such of our senators and representatives in congress as firmly and consistently supported the "freedman's bureau bill," and who have persistently asserted the right of congress to determine for itself when and in what manner it will admit representatives from states where the state governments have been disorganized by rebellion; and we earnestly request them to firmly resist the admission of representatives to congress from such disorganized states, until peace is fully secured, and until the people of such states shall have positively guaranteed equal and exact justice to all men within their borders.

*Resolved*, That his excellency, the governor, is hereby respectfully requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the presiding officer of each branch of congress, to the president of the United States, and to each of the senators and representatives in congress from this state.

Approved March 2, 1866.