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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF MICHIGAN,

IN FAVOR OF

*The prohibition of slavery within any territory of the United States now
or hereafter to be acquired.*

FEBRUARY 2, 1849.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

JOINT RESOLUTION respecting the territories of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That we consider the result of the late war with Mexico in the acquisition of the Territories of New Mexico and California, as an enduring monument to the honor of our gallant army, regulars and volunteers, officers and soldiers; and that we rejoice in the prospect of extending over that country the beneficent laws and institutions of a free people.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the fundamental principles of the ordinance of 1787; and although we respect the opinions of many eminent statesmen and jurists, that slavery is a mere local institution, which cannot exist without positive laws authorizing its existence, yet we believe that Congress has the power, and that it is their duty, to prohibit by legislative enactment the introduction or existence of slavery within any of the territories of the United States, now or hereafter to be acquired.

Resolved, That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use all honorable means to accomplish the objects expressed in the foregoing resolution; and that the governor of this State be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in Congress.

LEANDER CHAPMAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. M. FENTON,

President of the Senate.

Approved January 13, 1849.

EPAPHRO RANSOM.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.

I hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing is a full, true, and perfect copy of the joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Michi-

gan, entitled "Joint resolutions respecting the territories of the United States," approved January 13, 1849, on file and of record in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Michigan this twenty-second day
[L. s.] of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

GEO. H. PECK,
Secretary of State.

The prohibition of slavery within any territory of the United States was
or lawfully to be declared

February 2, 1849

JOINT RESOLUTIONS respecting the territories of the United States

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That we consider the result of the late war with Mexico in the acquisition of the Territory of New Mexico and California as an enduring monument to the honor of our gallant army, sailors and volunteers, officers and soldiers; and that we rejoice in the prospect of extending over that country the beneficent laws and institutions of a free people.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the fundamental principles of the ordinance of 1787, and do hereby respect the opinion of a majority of the nation and justice that slavery is a local institution, which cannot exist without positive laws authorizing its existence, nor we believe that Congress has the power and that it is their duty to prohibit by legislative enactment the introduction or existence of slavery within any of the territories of the United States now or hereafter to be acquired.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are requested to use all honorable means to accomplish the objects expressed in the foregoing resolutions; and that the governor of this State be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in Congress.

LELAND CHEBMAN
WALTER LINTON
President of the Senate

Approved January 13, 1849

BLAIRE LANGRISH

I hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the joint resolutions of the legislature of the State of Michigan.

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