State of Maine

Resolves relating to national affairs

Resolved, That the people of Maine have already given the best possible evidence of confidence in the Chief Executive of the United States, the Hon. Abraham Lincoln, by promptly responding to his call for aid to quell this insidious and unnatural rebellion, in furnishing more than twenty thousand soldiers. And they further pledge themselves to furnish men and money to the extent of their ability, for a vigorous prosecution of the war, and the speedy crushing out of the rebellion.

who shall, in any manner, aid and abet in the present wicked and unjustifiable rebellion.

Resolved, That Congress has the Constitutional right, "to raise and support armies" and to call upon all able-bodied men of the Colonies or inhabitants of our country, to take up arms...
Resolved, That it is the duty of Congress, by such means as shall be expedient, to provide for the prosecution and liberation of every slave, belonging to any person who shall continue to arms against the authority of the United States, or who shall, in any manner, aid and abet, the present wicked and unjustifiable rebellion.

Resolved, That Congress has the utmost right, to raise and support armies and to call upon all able-bodied men of every color and condition, in this perilous case, to take up arms.
for its defense, and if the men who have been held by rebels or slaves, are found capable of bearing arms, and performing efficient military service, it is the duty of the Government, whenever the military necessity of the country shall require it, to employ their services against the rebels, under proper military regulation, discipline and command.

Resolved, That Congress should grant to all such men who may enlist in the army, military clothing and subsistence of a soldier and provide steps for colonizing them at the end of their service and also for colonizing other who may be enfranchised, so far as it may be practicable, in some place or places of the Union, where the climate is congenial to them.

Resolved, That all vacant and unoccupied lands, held by states which have entered into an unconstitutional
Confederates, for the purpose of making war upon the Union, should by act of Congress be immediately conscripted to the United States, to be appropriated according to the discretion of Congress for the benefit of manumitted slave soldiers and others of African descent who should be protected herein and set apart for them by a system of government appropriated to their condition.

Ordered, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this state, and that they be respectfully requested to use all honorable means to secure the passage of a law embodying their spirit and substance.
In Senate, February 7, 1862.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

James M. Lincoln, Secretary.

In H. of Rep. Feb. 8, 1862.

Conjoined

Chas. A. Miller, Clerk.

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