

## Resolutions Presented to the Missouri State Convention

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Whereas under our Federal Government we have been one of the greatest and one of the most prosperous nations of the earth; and whereas said government of faithfully administered will ultimately secure to its subjects a degree of happiness and greatness never yet attained by any other people; and whereas there are strong reasons for fearing that the conflicting views and feelings of the people of this confederacy may result in the subversion of the government under which we have so greatly prospered, and plunge our nation into the vortex of Civil War, and drench the land with fraternal blood:

Therefore we, the people of the State of Missouri, in convention assembled, do hereby

Resolve 1st That under the Federal Government the people of the United States of America have hitherto been greatly prospered at home and respected abroad; and that to it they are mainly indebted for the high position they have attained among the nations of the earth.

2nd That we are warmly attached to the Federal Union; and that we will not cease our efforts for its preservation, until hope that we may obtain an honorable settlement of our difficulties, ceases to be rational.

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3d That we believe all our national difficulties may be settled, and that peace and fraternal feeling will be again restored if the people of the North should be allowed the time, and can obtain the privilege of uttering their voice at the ballot box.

4th That without the further exercise of a spirit of forbearance, conciliation and compromise, there can be no hope of an adjustment of our national difficulties; and that unless they be amicably adjusted, civil war will inevitably ensue; and, as a necessary consequent, financial and social and moral ruin must follow, together with scenes of carnage and violence without a parallel in the history of our race.

5th That in the opinion of the convention the compromise resolutions offered by Senator Critenden at the late session of Congress, present a basis of adjustment that is at once honorable and permanent; that it is not unreasonable to hope that the seceded states would ultimately return into the union on that basis were it adopted; and that no propositions, materially differing from those above indicated, will be so well calculated to restore peace and dispel the darkness that overshadows the land.

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6th That whatever may be our views touching the action of the seceded states; however much we may regret their haste, and however much we may feel the injustice which they have done their sister slave states, we believe any attempt to *[text stricken through]* on the part of the general government, to coerce them back, would involve the whole nation in civil war, and would forever preclude the possibility of a reunion of the states[.]

7th That whether Missouri shall continue to occupy her present status, or shall hereafter be compelled to seek other alliances, she will not submit to, nor tolerate, but will resist and oppose any attempt that may point to the coercion of the seceded states.

8th That in order further to carry forward our efforts to preserve our liberties and union we recommend a convention of the people of the border states for the purpose of presenting a plan of adjustment to be submitted to the people of all the states that have not seceded.

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