

of the House of Delegates, indicating the policy NUMBER 14 which justice and humanity dictates to be pursued by the State of Maryland, in the present crisis in our national affairs, and her desires as a sovereign State with reference to the policy which ought to be adopted by the Federal Government towards the Confederate States of America, were adopted by the General Assembly, on the fourteenth day of May; therefore,

*Be it resolved* That the Representatives of the State of Maryland in the Senate of the United States, at the approaching extra session of that legislative body, be and they are hereby earnestly desired and requested to urge and vote for an immediate recognition of the independence of the government of the Confederate States of America.

*Resolved*, That the speaker of the House of Delegates and the President of the Senate together, forward to the Hon. James Alfred Pearce and the Hon. Anthony Kennedy, the representatives of the sovereign State of Maryland in the Senate of the United States, a copy of the Report of the Committee on Federal Relations and the accompanying resolutions together with these resolutions.

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NUMBER 14.

RESOLUTIONS appertaining to the Federal Relations of the State of Maryland.

Assented to  
June 22, 1861.

WHEREAS, we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that amongst these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new