

tation of a desire on the part of the seceded States to return to their allegiance to the Government of the Union, and would, in such event, cordially and earnestly co-operate with them in the restoration of peace, and the procurement of such guarantees as would give security to all their interests and rights.

8. *Resolved*, That Kentucky will adhere to the Constitution and the Union as the best—it may be the last—hope of popular freedom; and for all wrongs which may have been committed, or evils which may exist, will seek redress under the Constitution and within the Union, by the peaceful but powerful and irresistible agencies of the suffrages of a free people.

9. *Resolved*, That this General Assembly hails with pleasurable hope the recent manifestations of conservative sentiment among the people of the non-slaveholding States in their late elections, and regard the same as the earnest of a good purpose on their part to co-operate with all other loyal citizens, give security to the rights of every section, and maintain the Union and the Constitution as they were ordained by the founders of the Republic.

10. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this General Assembly, a Convention should be called for the purpose of proposing such amendments to the National Constitution as experience has proved to be necessary to maintain that instrument in the spirit and meaning of its founders; and to that end we reaffirm and adopt the resolutions recommending a call for a Convention of the United States, approved January 25, 1861.

11. *Resolved*, That the laws of this State must be maintained and enforced, and that it is the duty of the constituted authorities of the State to see to it, that by all constitutional means this indispensable end shall be attained.

12. *Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the President of the United States, and to the Governor of each State, with a request that he lay the same before the Legislature of his State, and to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress. Our Senators are instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their best efforts to accomplish the objects of these resolutions.