

## NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION ratifying proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting counties, towns, villages, etc., from becoming indebted for any purpose to an amount exceeding five percent. of the value of taxable property.

WHEREAS, The legislature of this state at its annual session for the year 1872, proposed and adopted by a vote of the majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, an amendment to the constitution of this state, in the following language:

*“Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That section three (3) of article eleven (11) of the constitution of this state be amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: No county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal corporation shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner, or for any purpose, to any amount including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness. Any county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness, as aforesaid, shall before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, within twenty years from the time of contracting the same.”*

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing amendment to the constitution be, and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature.*

Approved March 18, 1873.

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 NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the governor to inquire into subject of removing the remains of the late Alexander W. Randall to this state.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the people of Wisconsin affectionately cherish the memory of the late Alexander W. Randall, governor of the state during four of the most trying years of its existence; that his patriotism, his energy and fidelity in the public service, his brilliant qualities of intellect and stainless integrity, placed him among the foremost citizens of our state, and made his name a shining one in our history; and that such honors and mementoes as mankind bestow upon their benefactors and heroes are due to him from the citizens of the state.*

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That as the representatives of the people of the state, we approve of and renew those expressions of respect and affection for the memory of the late Louis P. Harvey, governor of the state, which were elicited from the people of the state and of the whole country on the occasion of his tragic death while on a distant mission of mercy and patriotism to our soldiers in the field, and that our grateful appreciation of his public services and our high estimate of his pure and unblemished character have been rather quickened than diminished by the time that has since elapsed, and by the events that have since occurred.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That his excellency, the governor, be respectfully requested to inquire into the subject of the removal of the remains of the late ex-governor Randall to this state, and to procure estimates, and, in his discretion, plans for a monument or monuments to be erected on the burial-place of such ex-governors of the state as may be buried near the capitol, and that he be respectfully requested to report to the next legislature the result of his inquiries.

Approved March 19, 1878.

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## NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the congress of the United States to improve the navigation of the St. Croix lake and river.

**WHEREAS,** The St. Croix lake and river form a continuous navigable stream from St. Croix falls, in the state of Wisconsin, to Prescott, in the said state of Wisconsin, where the said St. Croix lake empties into the Mississippi. That said St. Croix lake and river form the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and the unobstructed navigation of said lake and river is of great importance to the inhabitants of both of said states, and absolutely necessary to the agricultural and lumbering interests of the several counties in said states bordering on said lake and river, and that the railway connections with the navigation of said lake and river at Hudson, in the state of Wisconsin, and at the city of Stillwater, in the state of Minnesota, render the free navigation of said lake and river of great importance to the general commercial interests of the people of both states.

**WHEREAS,** There are obstructions to the free navigation of said lake and river, consisting of a sand-bar in said lake, near the village of Afton, in said state of Minnesota, and a sand-bar in said lake known as Willow river bar, near the town of Hud-