

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PASSED BY THE

FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1866.

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RESOLVES

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**Chapter 74.****CHAP. 74.**

Resolves in relation to equality of civil and political rights.

*Resolved*, That the grand result of a truly republican government can never be fully attained, until equality of civil and political rights, be permanently secured irrespective of differences of race or color.

Equality of rights.

*Resolved*, That so long as the elective franchise shall be denied or abridged in any state on account of race or color, none therein of such race or color, should be included in the basis of representation of such state in the Congress of the United States; and we approve of the efforts of the senators and representatives from this state in the Congress of the United States, to secure such an amendment of the constitution as would effect this result; believing that the tendency, and hoping that the ultimate effect of the amendment, if adopted, will be to secure equality of political as well as of civil rights for all.

Elective franchise.

Endorsement of senators and representatives in congress.

Amendment of constitution.

Approved February 24, 1866.

**Chapter 75.**

Resolve approving the action of our senators in congress.

*Resolved*, That this legislature cordially approve and endorse the action of the senators of this state, in voting to pass the freed-man's bureau bill, notwithstanding the president's veto, as being in accordance with the sentiments of their constituents, and the principles upon the support of which, alone, this government can be sustained.

Approval by legislature and action of congressional delegation.

*Resolved*, That in the Union majority of Congress, this legislature recognizes a noble array of tried defenders of the principles of constitutional liberty, and reposes with confidence in their wisdom and patriotism for the settlement of the questions appropriately pertaining to the legislative department of the government.

Confidence in Union majority of congress expressed.

Approved February 24, 1866.