

RESOLUTIONS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

IN RELATION

*To the selling of intoxicating liquors to the Indians.*

FEBRUARY 25, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors by white men to Indians.

Whereas the constitution of the United States grants to Congress the express power to "regulate commerce with the Indian tribes;" and

Whereas the traffic which is now carried on by white traders with the Indian tribes, in the various articles of intoxicating liquors, is destructive of the property and life of the aborigines of this country, is fast sweeping them into untimely graves, and has contributed more than any other means to place them in their present degraded condition—therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested, to use their best exertions to have efficient laws enacted to punish all persons who shall be convicted of selling intoxicating liquors to the Indians.

SEC. 2. *Resolved further,* That the governor be instructed to forward a copy of this joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

ROBERT N. CARNAN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
PARIS C. DUNNING,  
*President of the Senate.*

Approved January 23, 1847.

JAS. WHITCOMB.