

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

# THE LEGISLATURE OF KANSAS,

*Asking Congress to extinguish the Indian title to all Indian reservations in that State, and open the same to settlement.*

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FEBRUARY 18, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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Whereas there are now living within the State of Kansas, and upon lands usually known and designated as Indian reservations, a large number of the citizens of Kansas who are unable, because lands on which they reside and have improved are claimed by Indians, to obtain title to their lands; and whereas, a just policy of the Government toward the poor men of the United States requires that all the public lands of the Government should be open to entry by preëmption and homestead claims; therefore,

*Resolved by the house of representatives, (the senate concurring,)* That it is the duty of the Government of the United States to extinguish the Indian title to all reservations in this State, and give to the settlers thereon, or who may settle thereon, the rights of homestead and preëmption claimants.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be by the secretary of state transmitted to the President of the United States, and a copy to each of our Senators and to our member of Congress.

Adopted by the house February 7, 1871.

ALEX. R. BANKS,  
*Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Concurred in by the senate February 7, 1871.

GEO. C. CROWTHER,  
*Secretary of the Senate.*

I, W. H. Smallwood, secretary, State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State.

Done at Topeka, this 13th day of February, A. D. 1871.

W. H. SMALLWOOD,  
*Secretary of State.*