

SHIP CANAL—FALLS ST. MARIE.

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF OHIO,

ASKING

*An appropriation for the construction of a ship canal at the Falls of St. Marie.*

MARCH 4, 1852.

Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF OHIO.

RESOLUTIONS, requesting our senators and representatives in Congress to procure an appropriation for the construction of a ship canal at the falls of St. Marie.

Whereas nearly all the land bordering on the southern side of Lake Superior belongs to the government of the United States;

And whereas the scientific examinations and practical workings of the mines of Lake Superior, within the last few years, have conclusively shown that they contain the richest deposits of copper and iron which have as yet been discovered;

And whereas the construction of a ship canal, less than one mile in length, would open both for steam and sail vessels an uninterrupted navigation of the whole chain of waters from the head of Lake Superior to the Atlantic ocean, and tend not only to increase the value of the public lands, and advance the commercial interests of the western States, but would prove of incalculable benefit in a national point of view, in case of war or foreign invasion: therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio,* That our senators and representatives in Congress be, and they are hereby requested to secure, if possible, the passage of an act providing for the construction of an adequate ship canal at the falls of St. Marie, by an appropriation of a sufficient amount to construct said canal; the navigation to be free to all American craft.

*Resolved,* that the Governor be requested to forward a copy of this preamble and resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

JAMES C. JOHNSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WILLIAM MEDILL,

*President of the Senate.*

FEBRUARY 12, 1852.

STATE OF OHIO, SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE,  
Columbus, O., February 24, 1852.

I, William Trevitt, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of a preamble and resolutions passed by the General Assembly of this State, copied from the original roll on file in this office.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the great [L. s.] seal of the State of Ohio, at Columbus, this 24th day of February, A. D. 1852.

WILLIAM TREVITT,  
*Secretary of State.*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
Columbus, Ohio, February 25, 1852.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a preamble and resolutions, passed by the legislature of this State, agreeably to the requirements of said resolutions.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,  
R. WOOD,  
*Governor of Ohio.*

HOB. BENJAMIN STANTON.

JAMES C. JOHNSON,  
WILLIAM MEDILL,  
President of the State.