

make, hold and protect the only port and harbor of this state on said lake ;

*Therefore, resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That the governor be authorized to take such necessary steps as will protect the interests of the state of Minnesota in the premises, and command the services of the attorney general in any action instituted affecting said harbor system, and retain and employ such other able counsel as he may deem advisable, and otherwise act as in his judgment may fully and completely protect the interests of the state and harbor of Duluth in said matter, and that the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying any expenses that may be incurred in carrying out the foregoing resolution, the same to be paid out on the order of the governor.

Approved January 23, 1873.

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## NUMBER II.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PERMIT WIDOWS WHO LOST THEIR HUSBANDS IN THE LATE SEVERE SNOW STORMS TO RECEIVE PATENTS ON THEIR HOMESTEADS FORTHWITH.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

WHEREAS, Many men who lived on homesteads lost their lives in the snow storm which commenced on the seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and

WHEREAS, A number of these men had families dependent on them for support ; and

WHEREAS, Several of these families are in such condition that they cannot at present live on their homesteads, but must go to relatives or friends for help or remove to some city or village to engage in something that will ensure them support ; and

WHEREAS, It would be a great injustice to these unfortunate families should they be deprived of their homesteads ; therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their efforts in behalf of legislation which will permit widows whose husbands died in the late snow storm which commenced on Tuesday, the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, or from injuries received in said storm to receive patents on their homesteads when they request it.

*Resolved further,* That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable.

Approved February 7, 1873.

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### NUMBER III.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, REPRESENTING MINNESOTA, TO USE THEIR EFFORTS TO SECURE A POST ROUTE IN THE COUNTIES OF LYON AND MURRAY, &c.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

That our senators and representatives in congress, are requested to use their efforts to secure a post route from a station of the Winona and Saint Peter railroad, on or near section numbered twenty-three, (23) town numbered one hundred and nine, (109) of range numbered forty, (40) in the county of Lyon, and thence by way of Lake Sarah and Lowville to Murray Centre post-office, in the county of Murray,—a total distance of about twenty-four miles.

*Resolved,* That the postmaster general is respectfully requested to establish post offices at Lake Sarah and Lowville, in the said county of Murray, and to place the requisite service on the said route, so soon as the said route shall be duly authorized by act of congress.

*Resolved,* That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress, and to the postmaster general.

Approved February 17, 1873.