



## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS



WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War exists to honor, as their descendants, those men who fought for the Union during the American Civil War 1861-1865, and

WHEREAS after the war veterans from both the sides, including members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans, sought reconciliation among themselves, and

WHEREAS veterans from both sides gathered together in amicable reunions across the reunited country, including anniversaries of Gettysburg in 1913 and 1938; Blue and Gray Reunions in 1875, 1881, and 1887; and the GAR and UCV reunion in Chicago in 1893, wherein "several thousand" Confederate veterans were in attendance, and

WHEREAS our forefathers in the Grand Army of the Republic were known to have taken care of Confederate veterans, including at least one instance in Illinois where they provided a grave for a Confederate who died without family, and

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Organization has adopted resolutions supporting the maintenance of Confederate monuments and the continued display of Confederate battle flags, and

WHEREAS the Sons of Confederate Veterans have offered similar resolutions of mutual cooperation and aid to the SUVCW, and

WHEREAS approximately 13,000 Confederate Veterans are buried in the State of Illinois, often times near and alongside Union veterans, including 6,000 at the Camp Douglas POW Camp and 2,000 at the Rock Island POW Camp, and

WHEREAS the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans both seek to honor their ancestors, Americans of both sides, who gave up so much in the American Civil War, and

WHEREAS there are many men in our time who qualify and/or are members of both the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, including several members of the Department of Illinois, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois in Department Encampment assembled do now and forever seek to foster a brotherly relationship with the Illinois Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the spirit of reconciliation, the name of our reunited country, and recognition of the coming end of the Sesquicentennial of the War, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois in Encampment assembled do encourage all Camps and Brothers of the Department to seek out the nearest Sons of Confederate Veterans camp to seek and offer mutual encouragement and aid to the same, especially through participation in cemetery projects, memorial services, local events, and monument erection and maintenance, and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Illinois in Encampment assembled do encourage the leadership of the Department to submit a compatible resolution for adoption by the 134th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted, Harry W. Reineke IV, Department Guide/Guard