

Whereas: The Constitution of the United States, and the Federal Union established thereunder, were devised for the purpose of securing to its citizens those inalienable and unceasing rights, which are and ought to be the unquestioned heritage of every people; and

Whereas: A dominant sectional minority, availing itself of the late civil war as a pretext, is seeking in the interest of party, to subvert the Constitution and divert the Union from its fundamental objects and purposes; Now, therefore

Be it resolved, by the Democratic Party of the Commonwealth of Ky. in Convention assembled

That in our judgment the only just basis of a permanent restoration of the Federal Union, is the immediate and unqualified acknowledgement of the perfect equality of all the States, recognizing the Constitution as the only bond of Union.

Resolved further

That a universal amnesty, embracing the civil and military leaders of the late Confederate States, as well as the rank and file of its armies, is both proper and

necessary to secure peace and harmony  
to the Country.

Resolved. That we reaffirm the Decla-  
ration of principles adopted by the Democratic  
Convention of May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866 as containing the  
true principles of our Constitutional Government

Resolved That we cordially all who agree with the  
principles of this Platform to unite with us  
in our organization, in which fact  
distinctions are ignored and all its members  
stand upon a footing of perfect equality