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# Congress of the United States of America;

At the Second Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington, on Monday, the fifth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

## A RESOLUTION

*Submitting to the legislatures of the several States a proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both houses concurring), that the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said Constitution, namely: Article XIII. Section 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Jefferson Davis*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*H. C. Carlisle*  
Vice President of the United States  
and President of the Senate.

Approved, February 1, 1865.

Abraham Lincoln

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