

State of Alabama



Act No. 47 Special Session 1965 Senate Joint Resolution No. 28

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WHEREAS, after a period of ten weeks of continued agitation and demonstrations, led by and directed by outsiders, a march by these agitators and demonstrators from Selma to Montgomery has been sanctioned by order of the Federal Court;

WHEREAS, this march and the incidental activities of the agitators and demonstrators will place unusual and extreme demands on all law enforcement agencies of our State;

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of demonstrations, agitation and of this very march is to foment local disorder and strife among our citizens;

WHEREAS, the tension created could result in violence and bloodshed;

WHEREAS, by the maintenance of law and order in Alabama we can best show to the world that Alabamians are a law abiding and peace loving people, amply able to solve every domestic problem by reasonable discussion and by the regular processes of government and in the courts;

WHEREAS, our Governor has called upon every citizen to stay at home, away from the route of march and places where the demonstrators will go;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby join the Governor of Alabama in calling upon every loyal citizen of the State, of every race, color, creed or persuasion, to stay at home or at his regular place of business—as far removed from the line of march and demonstrations as is possible—until the risk of regrettable incidents which might occur in an atmosphere charged with tension has ceased. Let every one of our citizens act with the utmost restraint.

Approved March 19, 1965
Time 2:36 P. M.

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Governor of Alabama

Speaker of the House of Representatives