A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing amendments to the constitution of the state of Iowa relating to the succession of officers to the office of governor in the event of death or disability of the governor or person elected to that office and to amend section four (4) of article IV and to repeal section nineteen (19) of article IV and propose a substitute therefor.

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the following amendments to the Constitution of Iowa are hereby proposed:

Amendment 1. Section four (4) of Article IV of the Constitution of Iowa is amended by adding thereto the following: "If, upon the completion of the canvass of the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor by the General Assembly, it shall appear that the person who received the highest number of votes for Governor has since died, resigned, is unable to qualify, fails to qualify, or for any other reason is unable to assume the duties of the office of Governor for the ensuing term, the powers and duties of the office shall devolve upon the person who received the highest number of votes for Lieutenant Governor until the disability is removed and, upon inauguration, he shall assume the powers and duties of Governor."

Amendment 2. Section nineteen (19) of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof: "Sec. 19. If there be a vacancy in the office of Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall by reason of death, impeachment, resignation, removal from office, or other disability become incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall act as Governor until the vacancy is filled or the disability removed; and if the President pro tempore of the Senate, for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of performing the duties pertaining to the office of Governor the same shall devolve upon the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and if the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for any of the above causes, shall be incapable of performing the duties of the office of Governor, the Justices of the Supreme Court shall convene the General Assembly by proclamation and the General Assembly shall organize by the election of a President pro tempore by the Senate and a Speaker by the House of Representatives. The General Assembly shall thereupon immediately proceed to the election of a Governor and Lieutenant Governor in joint convention."

SEC. 2. The foregoing proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Iowa are hereby referred to the General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the same to be published as provided by law for three months previous to the time of making such choice.

Approved April 20, 1949.