

RESOLUTION OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Agreed to at a Meeting Held

Monday, March 22, 1915.

WHEREAS, The framers of the Federal Reserve Act had in contemplation the establishment of a co-ordinated system of banking in the United States under effective Governmental supervision, and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the Federal Reserve Board that the interests of the Government, the banks and the public will be best served, and the success of the system best assured by a membership which will include as many as possible of the banks made eligible under the terms of the Act, and

WHEREAS, In order to equalize the powers of the State and national banks as members of the system, the provisions of the Act extend to State banks and trust companies the privilege of membership, when not in contravention of State laws, and empower the Federal Reserve Board to extend the powers of national banks by granting such banks permission to act as trustee, executor, administrator, and registrar of stocks and bonds, when not in contravention of State laws, and

WHEREAS, It appears from an examination and analysis of the laws of the several States that banks created and organized under the laws of certain States cannot become members, and the right to exercise the powers of trustee, executor, administrator, etc., cannot be extended to national banks in certain States by reason of the laws of such States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Federal Reserve Board is in entire sympathy and accord with the efforts of those who are advocating legislation designed to remove such restrictions and to make possible the perfection of a system of banking which will uniformly serve the interests of the public in all of the Federal reserve districts.