

Resolution 2016- 1

**RESOLUTION OF THE OHIO FAIR MANAGERS BOARD OF FAIR DELEGATES OF THE OFMA**

The Board of Fair Delegates of the OFMA meeting in annual session on January 10, 2016 at 10:45 a.m. at the Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio, hereby adopt the following resolution:

**Section 1.** It is hereby resolved that the OFMA does permit and will support a Fair's decision to allow private vendors to sell Civil War merchandise including but not limited to Confederate and Union flags and banners, clothing memorabilia, and other related items at their fairs. That to prohibit the sale of the aforementioned items by private vendors would violate the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Expression, and Freedom of Enterprise established therein. That further to deny a private vendor's right to sell Civil War merchandise, Confederate and Union flags and banners, clothing, and memorabilia while allowing other types of flags, banners, clothing, and memorabilia to be sold would amount to discrimination and be in violation of the Freedom of Speech and First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

**Section 2.** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Delegates concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in compliance with all rules and legal requirements of the OFMA.

Mr. Rick Gage of Knox County, District 5, made the motion, and Mr. Don Relchert of Wayne County, District 5 seconded the motion.

Upon the vote on the adoption of this resolution, a majority of all Board of Delegates concurred.

Resolution: PASSED: January 10, 2016

*Carroll County Fair moved to ADOPT  
LORAIN County Secord.  
Motion PASSED 11/10/16  
ANNUAL meeting OFMA Member  
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SECRETARY OFMA  
1/10/16