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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE IMPEACHMENT OF DONALD J. TRUMP.

1 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 a mob violently overwhelmed police and breached barriers to enter
2 the United States Capitol (“Capitol”); and

3 WHEREAS, this group entered the Capitol seeking to stop Congress from certifying the 2020 Electoral College
4 vote; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to damaging and desecrating the Capitol, the rioters threatened the physical safety of
6 legislators and staff, and tased police officers and beat them with pipes; and

7 WHEREAS, the riot resulted in 5 deaths and other police officers will suffer permanent injuries; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 58 Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police officers and an unknown number of U.S. Capitol
9 Police officers were injured in the hours-long riot; and

10 WHEREAS, 5 people who were in the secure lockdown room during the riot, including 4 members of Congress,
11 have tested positive for COVID-19 after being forced to shelter for hours in a small room with colleagues who refused to
12 wear masks; and

13 WHEREAS, so far, at least 90 people have been arrested on charges ranging from misdemeanor curfew violations
14 to felonies related to assaults on police officers, possessing illegal weapons, and making death threats against House
15 Speaker Nancy Pelosi; and

16 WHEREAS, for weeks following the General Election on November 3, 2020, President Donald J. Trump urged his
17 supporters to go to Washington, D.C. to stop the counting of electoral votes mandated by the U.S. Constitution; and

18 WHEREAS, since the General Election in November 2020, Mr. Trump has falsely claimed that the November
19 2020 presidential election was stolen and has lost over 50 court cases challenging the results of that election; and

20 WHEREAS, at a rally mere hours before his supporters attacked the Capitol, Mr. Trump urged his followers to
21 “take the country back”, to walk to the Capitol, and that “[they] have to show strength”; and

22 WHEREAS, the mob that stormed the Capitol was overwhelmingly made up of longtime Trump supporters; and

23 WHEREAS, during the riot, members of Congress and staff made calls for help to the FBI, the acting attorney
24 general, the Mayor of Washington, D.C., the Army Secretary, and the Governors of Maryland and Virginia; and

25 WHEREAS, while political leaders, and close aides, begged Mr. Trump to intervene during the riot, Mr. Trump
26 released a statement that was sympathetic to the rioters, repeating the false claims of a fraudulent election and while he told
27 the rioters to go home, he also told them, “We love you. You’re very special.”; and

28 WHEREAS, state capitols across the country, including Delaware, are now facing threats of violence; and

29 WHEREAS, a bipartisan coalition of 38 Congressional House members issued a letter on January 13, 2021, to
30 urge Mr. Trump to "address the nation and unequivocally denounce domestic terrorism, condemn harmful propaganda, urge
31 anyone considering mobilizing to stay home” and denounce violence of any kind, and to “clearly affirm [his] commitment
32 to a peaceful transfer of power to President-elect Biden on January 20th”; and

33 WHEREAS, on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, Articles of Impeachment were filed against Mr. Trump for high
34 crimes and misdemeanors for violating § 3 of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibits any person who
35 has “engaged in insurrection or rebellion against” the United States from “hold[ing] any office . . . under the United States”;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, the Articles of Impeachment further state that “[i]n his conduct while President of the United States --
38 - and in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best
39 of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty
40 to take care that the laws be faithfully executed – Donald John Trump engaged in high Crimes and Misdemeanors by
41 inciting violence against the Government of the United States”; and

42 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, the House of Representatives, including 10 Republicans, voted to impeach
43 President Trump; and

44 WHEREAS, the January 13, 2021, impeachment of Mr. Trump is unique in our country’s history not only because
45 it is the only time an American president was impeached twice, but also because it was the most bipartisan impeachment;
46 and

47 WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said that he will not hold the impeachment trial until
48 after Mr. Trump leaves office.

49 NOW, THEREFORE:

50 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that
51 the House of Representatives honors and respects the peaceful transition of power that is the central pillar to our
52 democracy.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports the impeachment of Donald J. Trump
54 and urges Delaware’s U.S. Senators to vote in favor of impeachment.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send copies of this House
56 Resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice-President of the United States in the Vice-President's capacity as
57 President of the Senate of the United States, and to the members of the Delaware Congressional Delegation so that they
58 may be apprised of the sense of the House of Representatives on this matter.

SYNOPSIS

This House Resolution affirms the House of Representative's respect for elections and the peaceful transfer of government that is a central hallmark of our country's democracy. As such, the House Resolution also expresses the House of Representative's support for the impeachment of Donald J. Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors for violating his constitutional oath to faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed.