

1 CITY OF HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND

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3 RESOLUTION 2021-01

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5 **A Resolution condemning President Trump and other elected officials**
6 **who encouraged individuals to attack the Capitol and condemning the**
7 **actions of the individuals responsible for the events which took place at**
8 **the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.**
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10 **WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2021, pursuant to the Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution
11 of the United States of America, the President of the Senate, the Senate and the House of
12 Representatives, were fulfilling their Constitutional duties; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, in the weeks and days ahead of January 6, 2021, President Donald Trump
15 urged his supporters to go to Washington, D.C. to stop the certification of the election results,
16 contending that the results were invalid; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, similar sentiments were expressed by other elected officials across the United
19 States who urged their colleagues to object to the electoral vote certification; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2021, President Trump falsely asserted that Vice President
22 Pence “has the power to reject fraudulently chosen electors”; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, such false statements from our elected officials undermine the legitimacy of
25 our elections and only serve to disenfranchise the lawfully cast votes of American citizens; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2021, thousands of Trump supporters amassed in Washington,
28 D.C. to attend rallies at the White House and the United States Capitol; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, President Trump encouraged rally attendees at the White House to walk to
31 the Capitol, stating “You’ll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength
32 and you have to be strong,” and
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34 **WHEREAS**, President Trump told the rally attendees that “we are going to walk down
35 Pennsylvania Avenue . . . and we are going to the Capitol, and we are going to try and give . . . our
36 Republicans . . . the kind of pride and boldness they need to take back our country”; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, rally attendees at the White House followed President Trump’s call for action
39 and marched to the Capitol to join other supporters; and
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41 **WHEREAS**, rally attendees clashed with Capitol police officers and violently breached
42 the Capitol building as members of Congress worked to open and count the electoral votes certified
43 by each state; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, members of Congress were forced to cease their constitutional duty as they
2 and their staffs had to evacuate or shelter-in-place as rally attendees violently stormed the Capitol
3 building and attempted to enter both chambers; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, rally attendees did in fact enter and vandalize both chambers and
6 Congressional offices and committed acts of violence and theft during their siege on the Capitol;
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9 **WHEREAS**, the lives of residents from the City of Hyattsville, Maryland and the
10 surrounding community, working in or near the Capitol, were imperiled by the rally attendees
11 turned insurrectionists who sought to do harm to person and property; and
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13 **WHEREAS**, five individuals died as a result of the violent attempt of the insurrectionists
14 to disrupt Congress from opening and counting the electoral votes certified by each state; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, within hours, once the Capitol had been secured, both houses of Congress
17 resumed opening and counting the electoral votes certified by each state; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, Congress certified Joe Biden as the President-elect and Kamala Harris as the
20 Vice President-elect, despite the violent attempt to prevent otherwise; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the failed attempt to prevent the transfer of power was a direct result of a
23 four year campaign by President Trump to promote racial division and undermine democracy, and
24 part of a continuing effort to sow mistrust in an election that was conducted freely and fairly; and
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville, Maryland,
27 strongly condemns the brazen acts committed by the group of misguided and angry agitators and
28 insurrectionists on January 6, 2021, as they do not reflect our beliefs as a community; and
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, strongly
31 condemns the acts of President Trump and other elected officials who encouraged individuals to
32 attack the Capitol and disrupt the nation’s peaceful transfer of power, or otherwise sought to
33 undermine the results of the 2020 election; and
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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of
36 Hyattsville, Maryland, calls upon the Senate to exercise its constitutional power to convict
37 President Trump of the crime for which the House of Representatives indicted him, incitement of
38 insurrection, which should result in his lawful removal from office; and
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40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of
41 Hyattsville, Maryland, believe that those who participated in the assault on the Capitol on January
42 6, 2021, should be held accountable to the fullest extent permitted by law; and
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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, rededicates itself to
45 supporting and enacting policies that reflect the values on which our democracy and freedom
46 depend.

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INTRODUCED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular meeting on January 1_, 2021, at which meeting copies were available to the public for inspection.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Hyattsville, Maryland, at a regular meeting on January 1_, 2021, at which meeting copies were made available to the public for inspection.

APPROVED:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

Kevin Ward
Interim Mayor

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ATTEST/WITNESS:

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Date

Laura Reams
City Clerk