

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE IN NATION'S CAPITOL

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a democratic republic comprised of 50 states who value liberty, freedom, self-rule, community, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, democracy is fragile and needs to be nurtured by the people and their elected leaders;; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party candidates Joseph R. Biden and Kamala Harris were duly elected President and Vice President, respectively, in a Presidential Election that was held freely and fairly, without any doubt about the outcome in the Electoral College;

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump and his aides have continually espoused unfounded and unproven conspiracy theories about the conduct and outcome of the election; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump has used his access to state and federal courts to assert his theories, all of which have been rejected by the courts for lack of a basis in law and fact; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump encouraged and incited civil unrest and rebellion by inviting his supporters to the U.S. Capitol for a "wild time" on the Day the U.S. Congress was scheduled to count Electoral votes and he inflamed passions at a rally held immediately before the count was to begin; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, during the Constitutionally mandated joint Congressional count and certification of the State Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, a mob of domestic terrorists, including white supremacists, violently invaded the United States Capitol causing elected officials and staff to scramble for safety and interrupting the count; and

WHEREAS, the January 6, 2021 illegal invasion of the United States Capitol resulted in the deaths of four (4) Americans.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montgomery, County of Somerset, New Jersey determines that:

1. The invasion of the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 an insurrection and an act of sedition against the United States of America.
2. President Donald J. Trump, has violated his office and committed the crime of sedition against the United States through his words and deeds before and after the 2020 election by inciting and encouraging an insurrection against the Legislative Branch of the United States government;
3. Donald J. Trump is unfit to hold the office of President of the United States. We demand that Vice President Michael R. Pence and the Cabinet of the United States immediately invoke the provisions of the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution and declare Donald J. Trump unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office of President.
4. We further demand that the United States Congress immediately impeach and remove from office Donald J. Trump and declare that he may never hold public office again.
5. We ask the incoming Attorney General and United States Justice Department to investigate and prosecute anyone who participated in or conspired with those committing sedition against the United States on January 6, 2021 to the fullest extent of the law.

6. The U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate should censure any members who have enabled or supported the President in his attempt to overturn the 2020 election and remove them from leadership roles.
7. We encourage all Americans to condemn the attempted overthrow of the United States Government and all who took a role in doing so.
8. The Montgomery Township Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Vice President Michael R. Pence, President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Congressman Tom Malinowski, Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez, House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.