

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, STRONGLY CONDEMNING THE DISGRACEFUL, VIOLENT ASSAULT ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL THAT TOOK PLACE ON JANUARY 6, 2021, IN AN UNLAWFUL EFFORT TO UNDERMINE AND DERAIL THE FULFILLMENT OF CONGRESS' CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE 2020 GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; URGING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE EVERYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS DOMESTIC TERROR ATTACK, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW; URGING FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL STEPS TO ENSURE A PEACEFUL AND ORDERLY PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION AND RESTORE FAITH AND TRUST IN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO U.S. SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS, U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, FLORIDA SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND RICK SCOTT, U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2021, thousands of President Trump's supporters gathered in Washington, D.C. for demonstrations as Congress was set to certify that President-elect Joe Biden won the election, and laid siege on the United States Capitol — one of the world's greatest symbols of self-government and representative democracy — at the urging of the president of the United States, in a shameful effort to desecrate U.S. democratic institutions and the electoral process, and thereby subvert the will of the voters and the many courts that uniformly rejected and dismissed as baseless unfounded claims of electoral misconduct in connection with the 2020 Presidential Election; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 6, President Donald Trump appeared at a rally of his supporters outside the White House, and repeated his baseless allegations in an effort to cast doubt on the legitimacy of the electoral process, urging attendees to march to the Capitol as lawmakers inside debated counting electoral college votes to confirm President-elect Biden's victory; and

**WHEREAS**, later, at the U.S. Capitol, throngs of people breached past Capitol police and entered the historic building, with many insurrectionists trespassing into legislative chambers, by breaking through locked glass doors, and destroying federal property with reports of gunfire and warnings by police to House members to don gas masks; and

**WHEREAS**, protests at the Capitol are not new – congressional offices are frequented by protesters and sit-ins, with some successfully interrupting a hearing, though they are often quickly ushered out by Capitol police; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to protest and speak out against our government is one of the rights afforded to Americans that set us apart from much of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, however, such protests are a stark contrast to what happened on January 6, when a mob of President Trump’s supporters stormed past barricades and clashed with police to enter legislative chambers and congressional offices, where they proceeded to desecrate chambers of democracy as the highest elected public officials in this country were forced to evacuate their chambers for their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the mob attack on the Capitol on January 6 was the first severe breach of the United States Capitol since the British troops set fire to the building in August 1814, and marks the first time an armed insurrection at the Capitol was incited by a sitting president instead of a foreign power; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility for the insurrection at the Capitol rests on outgoing President Trump, and his most ardent enablers, including some members of Congress, who have continued to baselessly lie about the outcome of a lawful election in a futile attempt to overturn the results of a legitimate election; and

**WHEREAS**, all four living former presidents -- Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter – joined a chorus of current and former federal officials, in a rare spirit of bipartisanship, to deride the rioters who forced an evacuation of the House and Senate chambers of the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, the peaceful transfer of power is a hallmark of United States democracy, and a distinction that, for centuries, has made the United States a beacon of democracy throughout the world, until the disgraceful events of January 6, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the shameful events that took place on January 6 were not merely a U.S. national issue but an attack on the very fundamentals of democratic structures and institutions, and what the nation witnessed on January 6 in Washington, DC is the power of the mob to destabilize even the most stable of democracies if falsehoods are given a national platform and legitimization from some of the highest elected officials in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, world leaders, including Canada’s Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel, New Zealand’s Prime-minister Jacinda Ardern, Sweden’s Prime Minister Stefan Lofven, and Australia’s Prime Minister Scott Morrison, condemned the insurrection at the Capitol, calling for a peaceful transition of power; and

**WHEREAS**, the domestic terror attack on the Capitol was not an isolated incident — wholesale poisoning of American democracy through conspiracy theories, the peddling of lies, and open parroting of misinformation has reverberated throughout the nation, exposing additional public officials and communities to danger; and

**WHEREAS**, eroding the public's trust in the function and legitimacy of the government, including results of a legitimate election, jeopardizes the physical safety of all elected public servants across the country and weakens their ability to govern, effectuate change, and uphold the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who unlawfully breached the Capitol in this domestic terror attack must face consequences and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach urge all elected officials to take all steps to defend the Republic against an assault on democracy that continues to this day, to reaffirm their commitment to faithfully execute their duty to the Constitution of the United States, and take steps necessary to restore faith and trust in government, in public service, in America; and

**WHEREAS**, it is of utmost importance for Capitol administration to review security measures and make changes deemed necessary to better protect elected officials, their office staff, and others in the occupancy of the facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the shameful and unlawful events that took place at the Capitol on January 6 will now be a part of our lasting American history, but our people are tough, our Constitutional order is strong, and we will meet this moment with strength and grace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby strongly condemn the disgraceful, violent assault on the United States Capitol that took place on January 6, 2021, in an unlawful effort to undermine and derail the fulfillment of Congress' constitutional duty to certify the results of the 2020 General Presidential Election; urge law enforcement officials to take all steps necessary to investigate and prosecute everyone who has participated in this domestic terror attack, to the fullest extent of the law; urge federal elected officials to take all steps to ensure a peaceful and orderly presidential transition and restore faith and trust in government institutions and the electoral process; and direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to U.S. Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, U.S. Speaker of the House, Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, U.S. Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar, and other members of the Florida Congressional delegation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2021.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

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