

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2021, Legislative Day No. 2

Resolution No. 5-21

Introduced by Ms. Lacey, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Rodvien, and Ms. Pickard

By the County Council, January 19, 2021

1 RESOLUTION condemning the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol Building on January
2 6, 2021, and urging the peaceful transition of power on Inauguration Day

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4 WHEREAS, incited by President Donald J. Trump, on January 6, 2021, a mob
5 unlawfully breached the U.S. Capitol Building, injured law enforcement personnel,
6 defaced and destroyed public property, and menaced Members of Congress and the
7 Vice President as they sat in a Joint Session to certify the results of the November
8 2020 election; and

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10 WHEREAS, those responsible for planning, aiding, and carrying out such actions
11 must be held responsible for their criminal acts; and

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13 WHEREAS, elected officials are sworn to support the U.S. Constitution, to uphold
14 the law, and do their jobs to the best of their ability; now, therefore, be it

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16 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,* That it offers its
17 deepest condolences to the family of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, who gave his
18 life defending the Capitol, and applauds the other members of the U.S. Capitol Police who
19 faithfully carried out their duty to protect those who were lawfully inside the Capitol
20 Building from the rioters and insurrectionists; and be it further

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22 *Resolved,* That it acknowledges and affirms the right of the people to peaceful means
23 of protest, as secured by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and be it further

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25 *Resolved,* That it denounces the repeated, unchecked dissemination of misinformation,
26 conspiracy theories, and lies by President Donald J. Trump and his accomplices and
27 surrogates, in particular those intended to undermine public confidence in the certified
28 results of the November 2020 election, which he lost; and be it further

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30 *Resolved,* That it condemns the intimidation, harassment, or threatening of any person
31 who is involved in any aspect of conducting and certifying a free and fair election, in an
32 attempt to change the outcome of that election, as well as the incitement and use of violence
33 to intimidate, harass, or threaten such persons or the public; and be it further

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35 *Resolved,* That due to the President's egregious misconduct in undermining the election
36 results and inciting a violent insurrection, Donald J. Trump should be permanently
37 disqualified by Congress from holding any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United
38 States or any State; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That it demands a peaceful transition of power to President-Elect Joseph R.
2 Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala D. Harris on Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021,
3 to be followed by a thorough investigation and prosecutions of the insurrectionists as
4 advised by the new U.S. Attorney General; and be it further
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6 *Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to U.S. Senators Benjamin L. Cardin
7 and Chris Van Hollen; U.S. Representatives C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, John P.
8 Sarbanes, Anthony G. Brown, and Steny H. Hoyer; Senator Sarah K. Elfreth, Chair, Anne
9 Arundel County Senate Delegation to the General Assembly; and Delegate J. Sandy
10 Bartlett, Chair, Anne Arundel County House Delegation to the Maryland General
11 Assembly.