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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

CONDEMNING THE JANUARY 6, 2021, ASSAULT ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, COMMITTING TO  
PEACEFUL AND RESPECTFUL DISCOURSE BY DELAWARE STATE SENATORS, AND EXPRESSING  
GRATITUDE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD.

1 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the United States Capitol was the site of a violent riot; and

2 WHEREAS, the assault disrupted a session of the United States Congress and delayed the ceremonial certification  
3 of the Electoral College vote; and

4 WHEREAS, violent means were used to gain entry into the U.S. Capitol, resulting in deaths, injuries, and  
5 substantial damage; and

6 WHEREAS, 6 people died as a result of the violent actions, including Capitol Police officers Brian Sicknick and  
7 Howard Liebengood; and

8 WHEREAS, more than 50 law enforcement officers sustained injuries as a result of the violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Delawareans courageously serving in our National Guard have been dispatched to protect the U.S.  
10 Capitol and our democracy; and

11 WHEREAS, the assault represents one of the most significant security breaches of the U.S. Capitol in United  
12 States history; and

13 WHEREAS, the purpose of the assault was to physically halt the constitutional process by preventing duly elected  
14 representatives from fulfilling their constitutional duties; and

15 WHEREAS, the assault on January 6, 2021, is to be distinguished from the constitutionally protected rights that all  
16 United States citizens have to peaceably assemble, speak, and redress grievances; and

17 WHEREAS, the level of violence during the assault was a direct consequence of incendiary words that are not  
18 constitutionally protected, as they are intended to incite, and in fact did incite, an immediate breach of the peace; and

19 WHEREAS, since the tragic events of January 6, 2021, the potential for continued violence has reached beyond  
20 the U.S. Capitol to all 50 state capitals, with actionable intelligence causing each state – including Delaware – to deploy  
21 enhanced security measures to protect its capitol through and beyond Inauguration Day; and

22 WHEREAS, this tragic event must serve as a reminder to all that the words of those in public service have the  
23 power to incite as well as the power to soothe, inspire, and promote peace and order.

24 NOW, THEREFORE:

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware that the Senate  
26 condemns the violence and the assault that occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate condemns the extreme and dishonest rhetoric that created the  
28 environment that led to the riot at the U.S. Capitol.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate commits to peaceful, thoughtful, and respectful discourse among  
30 its members and with the citizenry.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate expresses its gratitude for the service of the members of the  
32 Delaware National Guard deployed to Washington, D.C. to protect and uphold the peaceful transfer of power.

#### SYNOPSIS

This Resolution condemns the violence at and assault on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021; commits the Senate to peaceful, thoughtful, and respectful discourse in the conduct of public business; and expresses gratitude to the members of the Delaware National Guard.

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