



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING THE ACTS OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM AT THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6, 2021.

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, January 6th, 2021, a joint session of the United State Congress convened at the United States Capitol to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, on that same day, President Donald Trump held a rally dubbed “March to Save America” and declared that “the 2020 election was stolen from him”, that the outcome of the election was an “egregious assault on our democracy,” and declared that “we will never concede” and that “you will never take back our country with weakness.”; and

WHEREAS, a mob of armed White supremacists, neo-Nazis and domestic terrorists forcibly entered and marauded through the United States Capitol Building, the first-time an enemy group has breached the building since 1814. They attacked Capitol Police Officers, desecrated federal property, destroyed multiple offices, searched for Congresspeople, placed explosive devices around the building; and

WHEREAS, they replaced the United States flag with Trump and Confederate flags, stole property- including electronic devices and critical government documents and attempted to sell the stolen materials to potential foreign enemies; and

WHEREAS, during the sedition by domestic terrorists, President Trump restated via social media that the election had been stolen and told his supporters to “go home,” and “I love you”; and

WHEREAS, at least five individuals died during the insurrection, including a U.S. Capitol Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, after several hours, the mob of White Supremacist and domestic terrorists, were overwhelming peacefully escorted from the Capitol Building; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers reconvened and certified the 2020 president election, declaring Joseph R. Biden, Jr. the winner; and

WHEREAS, throughout his presidential campaign and during his administration, President Trump has encouraged and politically profited from discrimination, bigotry, and violence toward the most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, President Trump referred to Haiti and African nations as "shithole countries," claimed that Mexican immigrants are drug dealers and rapists in many cases. He also responded on social media to protesters in Minneapolis following George Floyd's death, that "when the looting starts, the shooting starts."; and

WHEREAS, during his presidential campaign, Donald Trump bragged about directly performing an act of violence when he stated that, “I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn’t lose any voters”; and

WHEREAS, due to the complete disregard for human life and democracy, all individuals that incited or participated in the domestic terrorist attack at the United States Capitol Building should be held criminally responsible; and

WHEREAS, if any Cook County employee incited or participated in the domestic attack at the United States Capitol

Building, immediate disciplinary actions should be taken; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Cook County Commissioners vehemently condemns the acts by former President Donald Trump and other lawmakers that incited the violent insurrection on January 6, 2021