## COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND 2021 Legislative Session

Resolution No.	CR-7-2021		
Proposed by	Council Members Anderson-Walker, Hawkins, Taveras, Ivey, Davis		
	Glaros and Dernoga		
Introduced by	Council Members Anderson-Walker, Hawkins, Taveras, Ivey, Davis		
	Glaros, Dernoga, Harrison, Streeter, Franklin and Turner		
Co-Sponsors			
Date of Introdu	ction January 28, 2021		

## RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION concerning

Acts of Insurgency - Prince George's County Public Servants

For the purpose of urging and indicating support to the County Executive in directing and assisting the appropriate agencies including but not limited to federal, state and local authorities,

to investigate whether any and all actions taken by any public servant of Prince George's County, by volunteer, employment, appointment, or election of any position within any Prince George's County entity participated in, aided, or abetted the violent and unlawful insurrection, as defined by 18 U.S. Code §2383, at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 or similar actions for the January 20, 2021 Inauguration of the 46th President of the United States and for the days leading up thereto shall face sanction, including removal from their Official position, including volunteer positions.

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Council urges and supports County Executive measures to direct appropriate agencies as authorized by federal, state, and local law to investigate whether any and all actions taken by public servants of Prince George's County who participated in, aided, or abetted the violent and unlawful insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 or similar actions for the January 20, 2021 Inauguration of the 46th President of the United States and for the days leading up thereto shall face sanction, including removal from their Official position if deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George's County Council adopted CR-4-2021, condemning the acts of violence against the United States Capitol and the Actions of the President of the United

States; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County Council resolved in CR-4-2021 to call upon the President, the Cabinet, the United States Congress and/or Federal and local enforcement agencies to take seek the apprehension, arrest and full prosecution of those responsible and involved in the violence and destruction of the United States Capitol.

WHEREAS, on the morning of January 6, 2021, President Donald J. Trump attended a rally on the National Mall where he encouraged a crowd of individuals to disrupt the proceedings of Congress to certify the votes of the electoral college for President and Vice President of the United States, stating that he himself would be in attendance; and

WHEREAS, refusing to concede the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election and raising baseless allegations of fraud in States in which Black, Brown, Latino and Indigenous people have been instrumental to the election outcome suggests racial animus and a continuation of efforts by certain Members of Congress to disenfranchise Black, Brown, Latino and Indigenous voters; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County demographic is majority Black, Brown, Latino and Indigenous residents, including other minorities; and

WHEREAS, certain Members of Congress issued statements directly calling on individuals to resort to violence to intervene in the certification of the votes of the electoral college in an attempt to overturn the results of a valid, free, and fair election; and

WHEREAS, in the months leading up to and following the 2020 Presidential election,
President Donald J. Trump rigorously sowed discord, impaired the operations of the United
States Postal Service, promoted conspiracy theories, and outright lied to the American public in
order to reduce confidence in the integrity of the election and disenfranchise voters; and

WHEREAS, in the days and weeks following media outlets' determination that Joseph R. Biden, Jr., had secured the necessary number of electoral votes to be declared President-elect, President Trump, his legal representatives, and dozens of Republican Members of Congress and Senators deliberately attempted to reverse the results of the election in various States and to disenfranchise millions of voters by bringing forth frivolous lawsuits at several levels of the United States judicial system; and

WHEREAS, due to an utter lack of evidence and legal standing, these lawsuits were swiftly dismissed by dozens of judges, including those nominated by President Donald J. Trump

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and confirmed by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of January 6, 2021, a mob of thousands of domestic terrorists and seditionists engaged in a sustained effort to bypass United States Capitol Police and officers under direction of the Sergeants at Arms of the House and Senate in order to delay and disrupt Congress' constitutional and statutory duty of certifying the 2020 Presidential election results; and

WHEREAS, the responding officers from the Sergeants at Arms of the House and Senate, United States Capitol Police, National Guard, and Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia were physically assaulted and threatened with deadly weapons and firearms; and

WHEREAS, the security preparations by these and other law enforcement agencies were inexplicably and dangerously inadequate to meet the clear and present threat posed to Members of Congress and individuals in the line of succession to the Presidency; and

WHEREAS, section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution posits that no individual can hold office of any kind who has engaged in disloyalty or sedition against the United States, stating, "No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.";

WHEREAS, as a result of the insurrection at the United States Capitol, six individuals so far have lost their lives and many others were severely injured, including public safety officers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that it is the sense of the Prince George's County Council that

- (1) President Donald J. Trump did knowingly and purposefully incite a violent and unlawful insurrection against the United States;
- (2) any individual who participated in, aided, or abetted the violent and unlawful insurrection at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021, should fully be prosecuted under the laws of the United States and be brought to justice, and
- (3) similar actions for the January 20, 2021 Inauguration of the 46th President of the United States and for the days leading up thereto shall face sanction.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that,

- (1) the County Council urges and supports the County Executive in directing and assisting the appropriate agencies including but not limited to federal, state and local authorities, investigate whether any and all actions taken by public servants of Prince George's County who aided, or abetted this violent insurrection, or through their public pronouncements via official or unofficial channels encouraged it, violated their oath of office to uphold the Constitution or the Prince George's County Code of Ethics, and should face sanction, including removal from their County position, as well as rescission of any and all pension benefits accrued if authorized by law; and
- (2) That the Prince George's County Council condemns all efforts to disenfranchise Black, Brown, Latino, Indigenous voters and any other minorities.

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

	BY:	
	Calvin S. Hawkins, II	
	Chair	
ATTEST:		
Donna J. Brown		
Clerk of the Council		