

WHEREAS, the peaceful transfer of power from one elected president to the next has been a hallmark of American Democracy since its inception, AND

WHEREAS, the US Congress was in session on January 6, 2021 to certify the results of the Electoral College from the November 2020 Presidential Election, AND

WHEREAS, the election of November 2020 was both free and fair, AND

WHEREAS, there were recounts pursued in several states, including Wisconsin, AND

WHEREAS, no recount changed the outcome or identified any credible claim of fraud or irregularities, AND

WHEREAS, more than 60 lawsuits were brought to challenge the outcome of the election in federal and several state courts, alleging irregularities or fraud, AND

WHEREAS, all judicial efforts to overturn the results of the election were found to be without legal merit, nor reverse the results of the election, AND

WHEREAS, there has been a sustained and repeated effort to delegitimize the results of the free and fair of the November 2020 Presidential Election, AND

WHEREAS, after a speech by President Trump, hundreds of supporters, some of them armed, pursued violent insurrection to stop the certification of the Electoral College on January 6, 2021, AND

WHEREAS, death threats were made on the Vice President and several members of Congress, AND

WHEREAS, five people lost their lives in the insurrection, including one Capitol police officer who was beaten to death by the insurrectionists, AND

WHEREAS, for the first time since the War of 1812, the US Capitol Building was attacked, forcing members of Congress to take shelter for their safety, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Racine City Council does hereby condemn the seditious acts of those who encouraged or used violence to participate in the insurrection at the US Capitol for the purpose of preventing Congress from completing its Constitutional responsibility to certify the free and fair Presidential Election of November 2020, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the posterity of democracy to continue in America, citizens must accept the results of free and fair elections, even when their candidate does not prevail at the ballot box, AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those who encouraged, facilitated, planned, or participated in the insurrection of January 6, 2021, in an attempt to use violence to overturn the results of a free and fair election, be held accountable to fullest extent of the law, AND FINALLY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk forward a official copy of this resolution to the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation