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HOUSE RESOLUTION 24-1006

101 **CONCERNING THE IMPEACHMENT OF COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE**
102 **JENA GRISWOLD.**

1 WHEREAS, Pursuant to section 1 of article XIII of the Colorado
2 Constitution, the House of Representatives has the power of
3 impeachment; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado Secretary of State Jena M. Griswold under
5 article XIII is subject to impeachment for high crimes or misdemeanors
6 or malfeasance in office; and

7 WHEREAS, In the case of *Anderson v. Griswold*, 2023 CO 63,
8 No. 2023SA300 (CO S. Ct. Dec. 19, 2023), a decision was rendered by
9 a majority of the Colorado Supreme Court Justices to prohibit former
10 President and current candidate for president Donald J. Trump from being
11 placed on the Colorado Republican presidential primary ballot because he
12 was deemed to be disqualified under section 3 of the 14th Amendment to
13 the United States Constitution from seeking the presidency for allegedly
14 engaging in insurrection on January 6, 2021; and

15 WHEREAS, The Colorado Supreme Court's order was contrary to

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1 the United States Constitution, the Colorado Constitution, the Supreme
2 Court Justices' oaths of office, the Colorado Revised Statutes, and public
3 policy, and the Justices of the Colorado Supreme Court acted contrary to
4 the public interest; and

5 WHEREAS, Secretary Griswold publicly stated in a press release
6 dated December 28, 2023, that "Donald Trump engaged in insurrection
7 and was disqualified under the Constitution from the Colorado Ballot.
8 The Colorado Supreme Court got it right."; and

9 WHEREAS, Secretary Griswold publicly stated on the social
10 media platform X on December 22, 2023, "I agree with the Colorado
11 Supreme Court's ruling - insurrectionists like Donald Trump shouldn't be
12 eligible for office."; and

13 WHEREAS, Such actions constitute malfeasance in office,
14 dereliction of duty, unfitness for office, and abuse of the public trust; and

15 WHEREAS, To protect the citizens of Colorado from the threat of
16 any future denials of constitutional rights, it is appropriate for Secretary
17 Griswold to be impeached and removed from office; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
19 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

20 That the House of Representatives adopts the following Articles
21 of Impeachment against Colorado Secretary of State Jena M. Griswold:

22 ARTICLE I

23 For malfeasance in office for denying President Trump the right
24 to due process of law guaranteed by the 5th Amendment to the United
25 States Constitution and section 25 of article II of the Colorado
26 Constitution by making public statements about President Trump's guilt
27 for engaging in an insurrection when he has not, in any court of law, been
28 found guilty of engaging in the alleged insurrection on January 6, 2021.

29 ARTICLE II

30 For malfeasance in office for denying a free and open election
31 guaranteed by section 5 of article II of the Colorado Constitution and
32 denying Coloradans the right to vote for their choice for president by

1 preventing President Trump from being listed as a candidate on
2 Colorado's Republican primary ballot in 2024.

3 ARTICLE III

4 For malfeasance in office for playing partisan politics in her office
5 as the Secretary of State of Colorado, which should remain neutral and
6 unbiased as the state's chief elections officer, by making public statements
7 about President Trump and the Colorado Supreme Court's decision.

8 ARTICLE IV

9 For malfeasance in office for violating the United States
10 Constitution, the Colorado Constitution, her oath of office, the Colorado
11 Revised Statutes, and public policy by acting contrary to the public
12 interest.

13 ARTICLE V

14 For malfeasance in office for demonstrating her unfitness for
15 office by engaging in misconduct that will disrupt the 2024 Republican
16 primary election in Colorado.

17 ARTICLE VI

18 For malfeasance in office for abusing the public trust and
19 prejudicing the public's confidence in the Colorado Secretary of State's
20 office and the state's elections system by misusing her official powers in
21 a manner calculated to subvert the lawful operation of the Colorado
22 Secretary of State's office to obstruct the fair and impartial administration
23 of justice.

24 *Be It Further Resolved*, That said Articles of Impeachment be duly
25 enrolled and signed by the Speaker of this House of Representatives and
26 that the Speaker appoint a Committee of Managers, consisting of five
27 members of this House of Representatives, to exhibit such Articles of
28 Impeachment before the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly
29 in the name of this House of Representatives and of all of the people of
30 the State of Colorado, and to conduct the prosecution of said Articles of
31 Impeachment before said Senate in accordance with the provisions of the
32 Colorado Constitution and of the rules of the Senate relating to the trial
33 of impeachment.

1 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate to
2 inform the members that this House of Representatives has appointed said
3 Committee of Managers to conduct the impeachment against Colorado
4 Secretary of State Jena M. Griswold.