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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-006

101 CONCERNING CONDEMNATION OF THE PARDONS OF THOSE INVOLVED

102 IN THE JANUARY 6, 2021, INSURRECTION AGAINST THE UNITED

103 STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, at a rally at The Ellipse outside
 the White House, President Trump, following months of lies about
 widespread voter fraud, claimed the election had been "stolen by
 emboldened radical left Democrats", and told rally attendees "If you don't
 fight like hell, you're not gonna have a country anymore"; and

6 WHEREAS, Following President Trump's speech at The Ellipse, 7 rally attendees marched to the United States Capitol and many began 8 rioting, with official FBI estimates concluding that between 2,000 and 9 2,500 people forcibly and illegally breached the Capitol, in what many 10 scholars have described as an "attempted self-coup" and "an

1 insurrection"; and

WHEREAS, Insurrectionists sought to prevent, and successfully
postponed, the proceedings of the constitutionally mandated joint session
of Congress to certify the electoral college results of the freely and fairly
conducted 2020 presidential election; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Insurrectionists openly called for violence against
 7 political figures, including chants calling for the hanging of Vice
 8 President Mike Pence; and
- 9 WHEREAS, A gallows and a noose were erected on Capitol 10 grounds during the insurrection; and
- WHEREAS, Undetonated pipe bombs were found after the attack
 outside both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican
 National Committee headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Due to the heroic efforts of Capitol Police officers,
the vice president and all members of Congress were successfully
evacuated from the Capitol before the insurrectionists breached the
Senate chamber and attempted unsuccessfully to breach the House
chamber; and

- WHEREAS, Insurrectionists attacked Capitol Police officers with
 brass knuckles, pickaxes, tomahawks, flagpoles, pepper spray, knives, fire
 extinguishers, stolen police riot shields, batons, fencing, destroyed
 furniture, and other makeshift weapons; and
- WHEREAS, Multiple insurrectionists were later charged with, or
 convicted of, illegally carrying firearms during the attack; and
- WHEREAS, There is widespread evidence of premeditated online coordination of the insurrection between the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and Three Percenters, which are organizations that have been cited as extremist groups by both the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League; and
- WHEREAS, One Capitol Police officer died from a stroke brought
 on by the injuries he sustained from multiple assaults by insurrectionists;
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1 2	WHEREAS, Four Capitol Police officers who defended the Capitol later died by suicide; and
3 4	WHEREAS, At least 174 Capitol Police officers were injured, 15 of whom required hospitalization; and
5 6	WHEREAS, \$2.7 million in damages were caused to the Capitol building and grounds; and
7 8 9	WHEREAS, Following a request from District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser, 1,100 Washington D.C. National Guardsmen were called up to restore peace and security to the Capitol and its grounds; and
10 11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, President Trump pardoned, or commuted the sentences for, all insurrectionists who were convicted of crimes committed during the January 6, 2021, attack on the United States Capitol and ensured that cases were dismissed for those who faced charges or were under investigation for participation in the attack; and
15 16 17 18	WHEREAS, The rule of law, respect for the results of a free and fair election, and freedom from political violence are foundational cornerstones of the United States Constitution and core tenets of freedom and the American way of life; and
19 20 21	WHEREAS, Those pardons erode the rule of law and signal an acceptance of political violence, so long as the violence was committed by those who support President Trump; and
22 23 24	WHEREAS, Such acceptance desecrates the service and sacrifice of those who have defended the Constitution against such enemies; now, therefore,
25 26	Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:
27 28 29	(1) That the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly hereby condemns the pardons of those involved in the January 6, 2021, insurrection against the United States of America; and
30 31 32	(2) That the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly further condemns the firing of dedicated, selfless FBI agents assigned to said insurrection cases, who committed their careers to the defense of our

- 1 nation and its sovereignty.
- 2 Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
- 3 to Governor Jared Polis and the members of Colorado's congressional
- 4 delegation.