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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.**

1 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2021, at a rally at The Ellipse outside
2 the White House, President Trump, following months of lies about
3 widespread voter fraud, claimed the election had been "stolen by
4 emboldened radical left Democrats", and told rally attendees "If you don't
5 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

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1 insurrection"; and

2 WHEREAS, Insurrectionists sought to prevent, and successfully
3 postponed, the proceedings of the constitutionally mandated joint session
4 of Congress to certify the electoral college results of the freely and fairly
5 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

11 WHEREAS, Undetonated pipe bombs were found after the attack
12 outside both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican
13 National Committee headquarters; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Insurrectionists attacked Capitol Police officers with
20 brass knuckles, pickaxes, tomahawks, flagpoles, pepper spray, knives, fire
21 extinguishers, stolen police riot shields, batons, fencing, destroyed
22 furniture, and other makeshift weapons; and

23 WHEREAS, Multiple insurrectionists were later charged with, or
24 convicted of, illegally carrying firearms during the attack; and

25 WHEREAS, There is widespread evidence of premeditated online
26 coordination of the insurrection between the Proud Boys, Oath Keepers,
27 and Three Percenters, which are organizations that have been cited as
28 extremist groups by both the Southern Poverty Law Center and the
29 Anti-Defamation League; and

30 WHEREAS, One Capitol Police officer died from a stroke brought
31 on by the injuries he sustained from multiple assaults by insurrectionists;
32 and

1 WHEREAS, Four Capitol Police officers who defended the
2 Capitol later died by suicide; and

3 WHEREAS, At least 174 Capitol Police officers were injured, 15
4 of whom required hospitalization; and

5 WHEREAS, \$2.7 million in damages were caused to the Capitol
6 building and grounds; and

7 WHEREAS, Following a request from District of Columbia Mayor
8 Muriel Bowser, 1,100 Washington D.C. National Guardsmen were called
9 up to restore peace and security to the Capitol and its grounds; and

10 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, President Trump pardoned, or
11 commuted the sentences for, all insurrectionists who were convicted of
12 crimes committed during the January 6, 2021, attack on the United States
13 Capitol and ensured that cases were dismissed for those who faced
14 charges or were under investigation for participation in the attack; and

15 WHEREAS, The rule of law, respect for the results of a free and
16 fair election, and freedom from political violence are foundational
17 cornerstones of the United States Constitution and core tenets of freedom
18 and the American way of life; and

19 WHEREAS, Those pardons erode the rule of law and signal an
20 acceptance of political violence, so long as the violence was committed
21 by those who support President Trump; and

22 WHEREAS, Such acceptance desecrates the service and sacrifice
23 of those who have defended the Constitution against such enemies; now,
24 therefore,

25 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
26 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

27 (1) That the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly hereby
28 condemns the pardons of those involved in the January 6, 2021,
29 insurrection against the United States of America; and

30 (2) That the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly further
31 condemns the firing of dedicated, selfless FBI agents assigned to said
32 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.