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RESOLUTION NO. ______ - 2021

EXPRESSING Cincinnati City Council's condemnation of the insurrection and violence that occurred at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021.

WHEREAS, Council congratulates President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on his election as the 46th president of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Council congratulates Vice-President-Elect Kamala Harris as the first woman, first African American, and first Asian American elected as vice president of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Council honors and upholds the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States giving the people of the United States of America the right "peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances"; and

WHEREAS, Council vehemently condemns the lawless actions of violence and destruction against our government, elected officials, government staff, and our law enforcement bodies as witnessed on January 6, 2021 in our nation's capital and at our U.S. Capitol building, which were encouraged by President Donald Trump, and resulted in the loss of five lives, in an attempt to stop the democratic process of certifying the election of President-elect Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Council calls for the end to such insurrection; and

WHEREAS, Council, as a local government body, is obligated to speak out against the anarchy and insurrection that occurred on January 6, 2021, so as to protect the rights of the residents of the City of Cincinnati and all those living in the United States of America to a government of laws that apply equally to all people and to not be governed through violence; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America shall continue to serve as a strong model of Democracy; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby call for the peaceful transition of power to the duly elected 46th president of the United States of America Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on January 20, 2021; and,

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council by the Clerk of Council.

Passed: January 9, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest:

Submitted by Councilmembers Young and Kearney