

TOWN OF JEROME

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RESOLUTION NO. 609

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JEROME, ARIZONA, SUPPORTING THE STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONDEMNING THE RECENT ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL BUILDING AND AFFIRMING A PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the United States Capitol Building was breached by criminal and seditious rioters in a direct and unprecedented assault upon our democracy; and

WHEREAS, these insurgents attacked law enforcement, terrorized our duly elected officials and their staff, and desecrated the seat of our government; and

WHEREAS, five people have lost their lives as a result of the violence; and

WHEREAS, the insurrection forced the temporary stoppage of Congressional proceedings under the requirements of the Electoral Count Act; and

WHEREAS, the orderly proceedings of government after a free and fair election is essential for a functioning democracy at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has released the following statement in response to that incident:

We condemn the acts of violence by the unlawful group of rioters that attacked the U.S. Capitol today and urge our fellow Americans in cities, towns and villages across the country to remain calm, peaceful and safe. The President must stop pouring fuel on the flames of division that are now inflicting irreparable harm on our democracy and our nation. As we saw from the leadership shown today from Mayor Muriel Bowser and the Metropolitan Police Department, local leaders will always put our residents first, and we welcome strong leadership and partnership from our fellow public officials at all levels of government to ensure a safe, peaceful and orderly transition of power during this critical moment for our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Jerome, Arizona that we condemn in the strongest possible terms the corrupt actions of the extremists who invaded the United States Capitol Building on January 6, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our democracy is resilient to such acts of domestic terrorism; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the peaceful transition of power is part of our most cherished democratic traditions, and our oath to uphold the values of our Constitution is hereby acknowledged and affirmed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby express our full and unequivocal support for, and wholeheartedly agree with, the statement issued by the National League of Cities, as set forth above; and

Jerome Town Hall Located at 600 Clark Street, Jerome Civic Center

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage every citizen to commit to keeping our democracy dynamic and to resolving our differences through debate and elections rather than through disorder and lawlessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the National League of Cities, the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, US Senator Kyrsten Sinema, US Senator Mark Kelly, US Representative Paul Gosar, Governor Doug Ducey, State Senator Wendy Rogers, State Representative Walt Blackman, and State Representative Brenda Barton.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by a majority vote of the Jerome Town Council on the 12th day of January, 2021.

APPROVED Dr. Jack Dillenberg, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

William J. Sims, Town Attorney

ATTEST:

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Candace Gallagher, Town Manager/Clerk