***Whereas***, Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 marked a day in our history that must never be forgotten and;

***Whereas***, on January 6, a mob clearly encouraged by the President of the United States, stormed the capitol building in Washington DC, our seat of government, and attempted to disrupt the process of certifying an election. This was a clear attempt to take away our rights and freedom as a free people to choose our own elected leaders through free and fair elections, and;

***Whereas***, we as the elected leaders of the City of Newburyport join with other mayors, city councils and other elected leaders throughout the country in condemning these actions in the strongest way possible;

***Whereas***, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America establishes a sacred right to free speech and peaceful assembly and peaceful protest. Those who stormed the capitol building and those who incited them went far beyond anything that is protected by the First Amendment, and;

***Whereas***, it is the duty of honorable people of all elected officials to speak out and condemn this outrage and to show that those who invaded our capitol building and those who encouraged them do not represent America. America is represented by millions of free people throughout our land who continue to cherish our land, our freedoms and our right to choose our own leaders, and;

***Whereas***, Donald John Trump, President of the United States, was impeached on January 11, 2021 for high crimes and misdemeanors by inciting violence against the Government of the United States;

***Therefore***, ***be it resolved*** that we the elected leaders of the City of Newburyport do hereby join with millions of Americans in condemning in the strongest possible terms the attack on our capitol building and this assault on our democracy. We call upon our elected leaders in Washington DC to launch a full and fair investigation on how this could occur and how it can be prevented from ever happening again in the future;

***Be it further resolved*** that we call upon the United States Congress to exercise its power under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution to prohibit Donald John Trump from ever again holding public office;

***Be it further resolved*** that the City Clerk send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward Markey, and U.S. Congressman Seth Moulton.

 Co-sponsors

 Councillor Barry N. Connell

 Councillor Afroz Khan

 Councillor Heather L. Shand

 Councillor Charles F. Tontar

 Councillor Bruce L. Vogel

 Councillor Jared J. Eigerman

 Councillor Christine E. Wallace

 Councillor Byron J. Lane

**In City Council January 27, 2021:**

Councillors Eigerman, Wallace, and Lane request and are accepted as co-sponsors. Motion to refer to General Government by Councillor Lane, seconded by Councillor Devlin. Councillor. Friendly amendment to add refer to COTW by Councillor Connell. Motion to refer amended to General Government and COTW by Councillor Lane, seconded by Councillor Devlin. Roll call vote, 10 yes, 1 no (SZ). Motion passes.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Donna D. Holaday, Mayor Richard B. Jones, City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_