1 House Memorial 2 A memorial to the Congress of the United States, 3 urging Congress to support H. Res. 621, Impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, of 4 5 high crimes and misdemeanors, and impeach, try, and 6 remove President Donald J. Trump from office. 7 8 WHEREAS, in his conduct while President of the United 9 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath 10 to faithfully execute the office of President of the United 11 States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and 12 defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as his 13 constitutional obligation to take care that the laws be 14 faithfully executed, has prevented, obstructed, and impeded the administration of justice, and has to that end engaged 15 personally, and through his subordinates and agents, in a course 16 17 of conduct or scheme to delay, impede an investigation, and to 18 conceal information sought by the Federal Bureau of 19 Investigation (FBI) in the course of its investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 United States Presidential 20 21 election, including any possible collusion between Russia and Donald J. Trump's campaign, and 22 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2016, President-elect Trump 23

24 designated retired General Michael Flynn to serve as National 25 Security Advisor, and on December 25, 2016, retired General

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26 Michael Flynn communicated with Russian Ambassador to the United 27 States Sergey Kislyak, and

28 WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, the same day that President 29 Barack Obama announced sanctions against Russian entities and 30 the expulsion of suspected Russian intelligence operatives from 31 the United States, retired General Flynn spoke again with 32 Russian Ambassador Kislyak, and

33 WHEREAS, on January 15, 2017, in response to questions 34 about retired General Flynn's communications with Russian 35 officials, Vice President-elect Mike Pence said that retired 36 General Flynn and Ambassador Kislyak "did not discuss anything 37 having to do with the United States' decision to expel diplomats 38 or impose censure against Russia," and

39 WHEREAS, on January 23, 2017, White House Press Secretary 40 Sean Spicer reiterated that National Security Advisor Flynn and 41 Ambassador Kislyak had only discussed holiday greetings, a 42 December plane crash, a conference in Syria on ISIS, and setting 43 up a call between Russian President Putin and President Donald 44 J. Trump, and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2017, acting Attorney General Sally Yates warned White House Counsel Don McGahn that National Security Advisor Flynn had misled Vice President Pence about his communications with Ambassador Kislyak and that, as a result, Flynn was at risk for being blackmailed by the Russians, and

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50 Flynn was asked to resign from the Trump administration on 51 February 13, 2017, and

52 WHEREAS, on January 27, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 53 invited FBI Director James Comey to a one-on-one dinner at the 54 White House, during which he demanded Director Comey's loyalty, 55 and

56 WHEREAS, on February 14, 2017, at the conclusion of an Oval 57 Office meeting on counterterrorism attended by the Vice 58 President, the Deputy Director of the CIA, the Director of the 59 National Counter-Terrorism Center, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and the Director of the FBI, 60 61 President Donald J. Trump requested that everyone leave the room 62 so he could speak with Director Comey alone, and once alone, 63 told Director Comey, "I hope you can see your way clear to letting this go, to letting Flynn go," and, "he is a good guy. I 64 65 hope you can let this go, " and

66 WHEREAS, on March 20, 2017, Director Comey testified before 67 Congress that the FBI was investigating Russian interference 68 with the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, including the 69 possibility of its collusion with the Trump campaign, and 70 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2017, President Donald J. Trump

71 called FBI Director James Comey and said that the Russia 72 investigation was "a cloud" that was impairing his ability to 73 act on behalf of the country, and

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74 WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, while the FBI was investigating 75 whether there was any collusion between the Trump campaign and 76 Russia, President Donald J. Trump fired FBI Director Comey, and, 77 in his letter informing Director Comey that he was being 78 terminated, President Trump said, "While I greatly appreciate 79 you informing me, on three separate occasions, that I am not 80 under investigation, I nevertheless concur with the judgment of 81 the Department of Justice that you are not able to effectively 82 lead the Bureau," and

WHEREAS, according to the New York Times, on May 10, 2017, President Donald J. Trump told Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, "I just fired the head of the FBI. He was crazy, a real nut job...I faced great pressure because of Russia. That's been taken off," and

88 WHEREAS, on May 17, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice 89 appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller to serve as a 90 special counsel to investigate links between the Russian 91 government and Donald J. Trump's presidential campaign, and

92 WHEREAS, according to the New York Times, shortly after 93 learning that a special counsel had been appointed, President 94 Donald J. Trump berated Attorney General Jeff Sessions in an 95 Oval Office meeting, said Sessions should resign, and accused 96 Sessions of "disloyalty," and

97 WHEREAS, Attorney General Jeff Sessions told President98 Donald J. Trump that he would quit and sent a resignation letter

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99 to the White House, but President Trump rejected Sessions' 100 resignation letter after senior members of his administration 101 argued that dismissing the Attorney General would only create 102 more problems, and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2017, while speaking in a nationally televised interview about his decision to fire Director Comey, President Donald J. Trump said, "And in fact when I decided to just do it, I said to myself, I said you know, this Russia thing with Trump and Russia is a made up story, it's an excuse by the Democrats for having lost an election that they should have won," and

110 WHEREAS, according to the Washington Post, on July 8, 2017, President Donald J. Trump personally dictated a statement for 111 112 his son and former Trump campaign operative, Donald Trump, Jr., 113 to use to explain Donald Trump Jr.'s meeting during the 2016 Presidential campaign with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya, 114 115 and in that statement Donald Trump, Jr., said that he and Veselnitskaya had "primarily discussed a program about the 116 adoption of Russian children," and that the subject of the 117 118 meeting was "not a campaign issue at the time," and

119 WHEREAS, Donald Trump, Jr., later released emails showing 120 that he had accepted the meeting with Veselnitskaya in response 121 to an email offering to provide damaging information about 122 Hillary Clinton as a part of a Russian government effort to help 123 his father's campaign, including a June 3, 2017, email to Trump,

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Jr., stating, "The Crown Prosecutor of Russia met with his father Aras this morning and in their meeting offered to provide the Trump campaign with some official documents and information that would incriminate Hillary and her dealings with Russia and would be very useful to your father. This is obviously very high level and sensitive information but is part of Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump...," and

131 WHEREAS, in all of this, President Donald J. Trump has 132 obstructed the administration of justice, and, in doing so, has 133 undermined the integrity of his office, brought disrepute on the presidency, and betrayed his trust as President in a manner 134 135 subversive of constitutional government, to the great prejudice 136 of the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of 137 the people of the United States, warranting impeachment and 138 trial, and removal from office, and

WHEREAS, in his conduct as President of the United States, 139 140 Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath to 141 faithfully execute the office of President of the United States 142 and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as his 143 144 constitutional obligation to take care that the laws be faithfully executed accepted, without the consent of Congress, 145 emoluments from foreign states, and 146

147 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has refused to divest,148 place into a blind trust, or otherwise give up his ownership

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149 interest in his worldwide business holdings since becoming 150 President, and has refused to release his tax returns, with the 151 intent to conceal the exact nature of his holdings from Congress 152 and the American people, and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump acknowledged, through his personal attorney, that his businesses receive funds and make a profit from payments by foreign governments, and would continue to do so while serving as President, and

157 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump owns approximately 77 158 percent of Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., which holds a lease from the General Services Administration, and has 159 160 actively courted foreign diplomats for their business, and, according to public reports, since the November 2016 161 162 Presidential election, diplomats have made plans to stay at the 163 hotel to curry favor with President Trump, and some diplomats have said that spending money at Trump's hotel is an easy, 164 165 friendly gesture to the new President, and

WHEREAS, the Embassy of Kuwait canceled a reservation for an event at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C., and instead held its National Day Celebration at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., on February 22, 2017, and, according to Reuters, similar events for a crowd of several hundred at the Trump International Hotel could cost from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and

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173 WHEREAS, on or about April 6, 2017, the Ambassador and 174 Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations 175 tweeted, "Trump International Hotel Washington DC @TrumpDC -176 great #hotel and so far the best service I've seen in the United 177 States! Keep it up! #travel," and 178 WHEREAS, according to the Washington Post, in May 2017, 179 business groups promoting Turkish American relations held an 180 annual convention at the Trump International Hotel in 181 Washington, D.C., which the Turkish ambassador and a high-182 ranking official from the U.S. Department of State attended, and the convention included a \$95 per person dinner for 190 quests, 183 184 and on May 23, 2017, breakfast, dinner, and drinks cost more than \$30,000, including a "Banquet Event Service Charge" of 24 185 186 percent, and 187 WHEREAS, according to the Washington Post, from May 11, 188 2017, to May 13, 2017, an Italian medical foundation hosted 189 doctors from the University of Texas and the University Medical 190 Center in Hamburg at the Trump International Hotel in

191 Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, according to the Washington Post, in September 2017, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak's visit to the White House was accompanied by at least 24 hours of activity and sales to the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C.; on September 11, 2017, more than a dozen members of Najib's entourage were seen in a lounge area for hotel guests; on

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September 12, 2017, dozens of delegation members met in meeting rooms with name cards bearing the Malaysian coat of arms and some attended a breakfast in the hotel's Lincoln Library meeting room, and

202 WHEREAS, events of this scale probably generated hundreds 203 of thousands of dollars in revenue for the Trump Organization, 204 based on confirmed spending totals of other groups, and

205 WHEREAS, according to the Washington Post, the Kingdom of 206 Saudi Arabia paid the Trump International Hotel in Washington, 207 D.C., \$270,000 in hotel charges, including about \$190,000 for 208 rooms, \$78,000 for catering and \$1,600 for parking as part of an 209 effort to bring veterans groups to Washington, D.C., to lobby 210 Congress against a law allowing victims of the September 11, 211 2001, attacks to sue Saudi Arabia, and

212 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump did not first seek or 213 obtain the consent of Congress before accepting any of the 214 benefits from foreign states derived from their patronage of the 215 Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C., and

216 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump owns Trump Tower, a 217 mixed-use skyscraper in New York City, which has at least two 218 foreign state owned tenants, the Industrial and Commercial Bank 219 of China, owned by China, and Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture 220 Authority, owned by the United Arab Emirates, and

221 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump did not first seek or 222 obtain the consent of Congress before accepting any of the

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223 benefits from foreign states derived from their patronage of the 224 Trump Tower in New York City, and

225 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump also owns Trump World 226 Tower in New York City, and in 2001 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 227 purchased a floor of Trump World Tower, which currently belongs 228 to the Saudi Mission to the United States, and, at the time of 229 the sale, the floor had yearly common charges of \$85,585 for 230 building amenities, and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has likely accepted common charges from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its use of Trump Tower, and did not first seek or obtain the consent of Congress before accepting benefits from Saudi Arabia due to its use of Trump World Tower in New York City, and

236 WHEREAS, in November 2016, when Argentine President 237 Mauricio Macri called President-elect Donald J. Trump to 238 congratulate him on his victory, President-elect Trump 239 reportedly asked him to deal with the permitting issues that 240 were delaying an office building project in Buenos Aires, 241 Argentina, that President-elect Trump and Argentine partners has 242 been working on for a number of years, and three days after that 243 conversation took place the long-delayed project moved ahead, 244 and

245 WHEREAS, shortly after Donald J. Trump's Presidential 246 election victory, a news agency in the country of Georgia 247 reported that a long-stalled plan for a Trump-branded Tower in a

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248 seaside Georgian resort town was back on track to move ahead, 249 and

250 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump did not first seek or 251 obtain the consent of Congress before accepting regulatory 252 benefits from Argentina or the country of Georgia, and

253 WHEREAS, on January 11, 2017, President-elect Donald J. 254 Trump held a press conference at which his attorney Sheri Dillon 255 announced that Donald J. Trump would donate hotel profits 256 generated by foreign government payments to the Treasury of the 257 United States, and

258 WHEREAS, on April 21, 2017, House Committee on Oversight 259 and Government Reform Chairman Jason Chaffetz and Ranking Member 260 Elijah Cummings requested documents and information from Ms. 261 Dillon regarding how and when funds would be remunerated to the 262 Treasury of the United States, specifically requesting details 263 as to how payments from foreign governments or foreign-owned 264 entities are being identified by the Trump Organization and 265 whether the Trump Organization, President Donald J. Trump, or 266 his trust planned to claim donations to the Treasury of the 267 United States as a gift for tax deduction purposes, and

WHEREAS, in response to the committee's request, the Trump Organization produced a pamphlet stating, "To fully and completely identify all patronage at our Properties by customer type is impractical in the service industry and putting forth a policy that requires all guests to identify themselves would

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impede upon the personal privacy and diminish the guest experience of our brand. It is not the intention nor design of this policy for our Properties to attempt to identify individual travelers who have not specifically identified themselves as being a representative of a foreign government entity on foreign government business," and

279 WHEREAS, with regard to whether the Trump Organization, 280 President Donald J. Trump, or his trust plans to claim tax donations to the Treasury of the United States as a gift for tax 281 282 deduction purposes, the Trump Organization responded, "...We believe it is premature to respond at this time insofar as final 283 284 determinations regarding these matters are dependent on many factors that will not be known to TTO [The Trump Organization] 285 286 until after the close of this year," and

287 WHEREAS, by accepting emoluments from foreign governments 288 without first seeking and obtaining the consent of Congress, 289 President Donald J. Trump left himself open to foreign influence 290 and deprived the American people of the assurance that their 291 highest elected official was working on their behalf with 292 undivided loyalty, and violated article I, section 9 of the U.S. 293 Constitution, and

WHEREAS, in all of this, President Donald J. Trump has undermined the integrity of his office, brought disrepute on the Presidency, and betrayed his trust as President in a manner subversive of constitutional government, against the cause of

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298 law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of the 299 United States, and

300 WHEREAS, in his conduct while President of the United 301 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath 302 to faithfully execute the office of President of the United 303 States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and 304 defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as his 305 constitutional obligation to take care that the laws be 306 faithfully executed, accepted emoluments from the United States, 307 and

308 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump refused to divest, place 309 in a blind trust, or otherwise give up his ownership interest in 310 his worldwide business holdings since becoming President, and

311 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump refused to release his 312 tax returns, with the intent to conceal the exact nature of his 313 holdings from Congress and the American people, and

314 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has an ownership 315 interest in the Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach, Florida, and the 316 Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey, and since 317 becoming President, has visited Mar-a-Lago at least seven times 318 and has visited the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster at 319 least five times, and

320 WHEREAS, since becoming President, Donald J. Trump has 321 visited other Trump-branded properties including the Trump

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322 National Golf Club in Jupiter, Florida, and the Trump National323 Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia, and

WHEREAS, according to the New York Times, as of September 25, 2017, President Donald J. Trump has visited at least one Trump-branded property on 85 days of his Presidency, as compared to 164 days in which he did not visit a Trump-branded property, and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump caused the United States Government to spend federal funds at Trump-branded properties in which he has an ownership interest, including a reported \$73,000 by the Secret Service on golf cart rentals, as well as \$1,092 by the National Security Council for two nights of lodging at Mara-Lago, and

335 WHEREAS, by accepting emoluments from the United States in 336 the form of payments for goods and services at businesses in 337 which President Donald J. Trump has an ownership interest, 338 President Trump violated article II, section 1 of the U.S. 339 Constitution, and

WHEREAS, in all of this, President Donald J. Trump has undermined the integrity of his office, brought disrepute on the presidency, and betrayed his trust as President in a manner subversive of constitutional government, against the cause of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the United States, and

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346 WHEREAS, in his conduct while President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath 347 348 to faithfully execute the office of the President of the United 349 States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and 350 defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as his 351 constitutional obligation to take care that the laws be 352 faithfully executed, has engaged in activities that undermine 353 the independence of the federal judiciary, and WHEREAS, on January 27, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 354 355 signed an Executive Order banning entry for 90 days by citizens 356 from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen, 357 prohibiting indefinitely entry by refugees from war-torn Syria, 358 and stopping all admission of refugees to the United States for 359 four months, and stating that upon resumption of admission of 360 refugees to the United States, prioritization would be given to 361 refugee claims made by individuals on the basis of religious-362 based persecution, provided that the religion of the individual 363 is a minority religion in the individual's country of 364 nationality, and

365 WHEREAS, on February 3, 2017, U.S. District Court Judge 366 James Robart issued a nationwide restraining order temporarily 367 blocking the Executive Order issued by President Donald J. Trump 368 on January 27, 2017, and

369 WHEREAS, on February 4, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 370 tweeted, "The opinion of this so-called judge, which essentially

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371 takes law-enforcement away from our country, is ridiculous and 372 will be overturned!", and

373 WHEREAS, U.S. District Court Judge James Robart was 374 nominated by President George W. Bush in 2003 and confirmed by 375 the U.S. Senate in June 2004 by a vote of 99-0, and President 376 Donald J. Trump's tweet about Judge Robart was consistent with a 377 lack of respect for the federal judiciary that President Trump 378 displayed as a candidate for President, and

379 WHEREAS, on February 27, 2016, Donald J. Trump accused U.S. District Court Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel of being biased against 380 381 him in overseeing a class action lawsuit against Trump 382 University, saying, "We have a very hostile judge because, to be 383 honest with you, the judge should've thrown the case out on 384 summary judgment. But because it was me and because there's a 385 hostility toward me by the judge, tremendous hostility, beyond 386 belief. I believe he happens to be Spanish, which is fine. He is 387 Hispanic, which is fine. And we haven't asked for a recusal, 388 which we may do. But we have a judge who is very hostile," and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2016, Donald J. Trump said, "I think the judge has been extremely hostile to me. I think it has to do with perhaps the fact that I'm very, very strong on the border. Very, very strong on the border. And he has been extremely hostile to me. This is a case that in our opinion should have been won a long time ago. It is a case that we should have won on summary judgment...we have a very hostile

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396 judge. Now, he is Hispanic, I believe. He is very hostile to me.
397 I said it loud and clear," and

398 WHEREAS, on May 27, 2016, Donald J. Trump said, "Everybody 399 says it, but I have a judge who is a hater of Donald Trump, a 400 hater. He's a hater. His name is Gonzalo Curiel and he is not 401 doing the right thing ... So what happens is the judge, who 402 happens to be, we believe, Mexican, which is great. I think 403 that's fine. You know what? I think the Mexicans are going to 404 end up loving Donald Trump when I give all these jobs, OK? I 405 think they're going to end up... I think they're going to love 406 me...So I'll be seeing you in November either as president-and I 407 will say this... I think Judge Curiel should be ashamed of 408 himself. I think it's a disgrace that he's doing this... I will 409 tell you, this court system-the judges in this court system, 410 federal court. They ought to look into that Judge Curiel because 411 what Judge Curiel is doing is a total disgrace. OK? But we'll 412 come back in November. Wouldn't that be wild if I'm president and I come back to do a civil case?", and 413

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, Donald J. Trump said, "Look, he's proud of his heritage, OK? I'm building a wall. Now, I think I'm going to do very well with Hispanics...because I'm going to bring back jobs. And they are going to get jobs. I think I'm going to do very well with Hispanics. But we are building a wall. He's a Mexican. We're building a wall between here and Mexico. The answer is, he is giving us very unfair rulings,

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421 rulings that people can't even believe. This case should have 422 ended years ago on summary judgment. The best lawyers-I have 423 spoken to so many lawyers-they said, 'This is not a case. This 424 is a case that should have ended.' This judge is giving us 425 unfair rulings. Now I say, 'Why?' Well, I'm building a wall, OK? 426 And it's a wall between Mexico. Not another country," and

WHEREAS, U.S. District Court Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel was born in Indiana, was appointed to the California Superior Court by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, and was nominated to the federal bench by President Barack Obama in 2011 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate by voice vote in 2012, and

432 WHEREAS, in 2011, as a part of a lawsuit alleging that the Maricopa County, Arizona, Sheriff's Office was racially 433 434 profiling Latinos, detaining them based solely on the suspicion 435 that they were in the country illegally, and turning them over 436 to immigration authorities, U.S. District Court Judge Murray 437 Snow ordered Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio to stop 438 detentions based solely on an individual's immigration status, 439 when there was no evidence that a state law had been broken, and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2017, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Bolton ruled that Joe Arpaio had willfully violated the 2011 court order, and held Joe Arpaio in criminal contempt of court, and

444 WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, before Joe Arpaio had been 445 sentenced, or his conviction had been appealed, and without

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446 consulting the Justice Department, President Donald J. Trump 447 pardoned Joe Arpaio for his commission of criminal contempt of 448 court, and

449 WHEREAS, in all of this, President Donald J. Trump has 450 sought to undermine the independence of the federal judiciary 451 and the rule of law, repeatedly attempted to upset the careful 452 constitutional balance of power between the judicial and 453 executive branches, and, by pardoning Joe Arpaio's willful violation of a federal court order, President Trump has offered 454 455 encouragement to others to disobey federal court orders with 456 which President Trump may disagree, and

457 WHEREAS, in his conduct while President of the United 458 States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath 459 to faithfully execute the office of the President of the United 460 States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and 461 defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as his 462 constitutional obligation to take care that the laws be 463 faithfully executed, has engaged in activities that undermine 464 the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment to 465 the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump repeatedly called press organizations "fake news" including on February 15, 2017, when he tweeted, "The fake news media is going crazy with their conspiracy theories and blind hatred. @MSNBC & @CNN are unwatchable. @foxandfriends is great!", and

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WHEREAS, on February 17, 2017, President Donald J. Trump
tweeted, "The FAKE NEWS media (failing @nytimes, @NBCNews, @ABC,
@CBS, @CNN) is not my enemy, it is the enemy of the American
People!", and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has repeatedly attacked members of the press, including as a candidate on August 7, 2015, when he commented about Fox News Channel anchor and presidential debate moderator Megyn Kelly saying, you could see there was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her whatever," and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2017, President Donald J. Trump tweeted, "I heard poorly rated Morning Joe speaks badly of me (don't watch anymore). Then how come low I.Q. Crazy Mika, along with Psycho Joe, came to Mar-a-Lago 3 nights in a row around New Year's Eve, and insisted on joining me. She was badly bleeding from a face-lift. I said no!", and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2017, President Donald J. Trump tweeted "#FraudNewsCNN#FNN" and circulated a video of him violently wrestling a man covered by a CNN logo, which, according to the Reporters Committee on Freedom of the Press, was a "threat of physical violence against journalists...[and] beneath the office of the presidency," and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2017, President Donald J. Trump's White
House barred American reporters from witnessing his meeting with
Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador to

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496 the United States Sergey Kislyak in the Oval Office, but allowed 497 a Russian photographer to document the meeting, and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, President-elect Donald J. Trump's transition team considered a plan to relocate the press corps from the White House press room to the White House Conference Center near Lafayette Square or to space in the Old Executive Office Building, and, in June 2017, President Donald J. Trump's administration prohibited video recordings of White House press briefings, and

505 WHEREAS, on October 11, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 506 tweeted, "Fake @NBC News made up story that I wanted a 'tenfold' 507 increase in our U.S. nuclear arsenal. Pure fiction, made up to 508 demean. NBC=CNN!" and "With all of the Fake News coming out of 509 NBC and the Networks at what point is it appropriate to 510 challenge their License? Bad for country!", and

511 WHEREAS, on October 11, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 512 also tweeted, "Network news has become so partisan, distorted 513 and fake that licenses must be challenged and, if appropriate, 514 revoked. Not fair to public!", and

515 WHEREAS, on October 11, 2017, President Donald J. Trump 516 told reporters in the Oval Office, "It is frankly disgusting the 517 way the press is able to write whatever they want to write, and 518 people should look into it," and

519 WHEREAS, in all of this, President Donald J. Trump has 520 sought to undermine the freedom of the press guaranteed by the

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521 First Amendment to the Constitution, brought disrepute on the 522 Presidency, and has acted in a manner subversive of 523 constitutional government, to the great prejudice of the cause 524 of law and justice and to the manifest injury of the people of 525 the United States, and

526 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, 527 warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office, NOW, 528 THEREFORE,

530 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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532 That the United States House of Representatives is 533 respectfully urged to support H. Res. 621, Impeaching Donald J. 534 Trump, President of the United States, of high crimes and 535 misdemeanors, and impeach and try Donald J. Trump, President of 536 the United States, and remove him from office, for conduct, 537 including, but not limited to, the violations listed herein.

538 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be 539 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the 540 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the 541 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of 542 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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