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SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States House of Representatives to immediately
2 consider and adopt articles of impeachment against President
3 Donald J. Trump.

4 WHEREAS, The founding fathers drafted and signed the
5 Constitution of the United States which enables the Congress of
6 the United States to investigate and sanction certain conduct
7 committed by high public officials of the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States specifically
9 provides for the power to impeach and the procedures for the
10 removal of the President of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article II of the Constitution of the
12 United States provides that, "The President, Vice President and
13 all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from
14 Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery,
15 or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors"; and

16 WHEREAS, Clause 5 of section 2 of Article I of the
17 Constitution of the United States provides that "The House of
18 Representatives * * * shall have the sole Power of Impeachment";
19 and

1 WHEREAS, Clause 6 of section 3 of Article I of the
2 Constitution of the United States provides that "The Senate
3 shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting
4 for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the
5 President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall
6 preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the
7 Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present"; and

8 WHEREAS, Clause 7 of section 3 of Article I of the
9 Constitution of the United States provides that "Judgment in
10 Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal
11 from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office
12 of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party
13 convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to
14 Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law";
15 and

16 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump, also known as David
17 Dennison, has been accused of preventing, obstructing and
18 impeding the administration of justice, abuse of office,
19 dereliction of duty, being unfit for office, corruption and
20 malfeasance requiring the immediate attention and investigation
21 of the Congress of the United States through an impeachment
22 inquiry; and

23 WHEREAS, The following violations of President Trump should
24 subject him to investigation under the impeachment authority of
25 Congress of the United States:

26 (1) on or about January 27, 2017, President Trump abused
27 his office and attempted to corrupt the administration of
28 justice by asking then-Director of the Federal Bureau of
29 Investigation (FBI), James Comey, who was overseeing the
30 investigation of the Trump campaign for collusion with Russia

1 in the 2016 Presidential campaign, among other crimes, for a
2 "pledge of loyalty";

3 (2) on or about February 14, 2017, President Trump
4 attempted to corrupt, impede and obstruct the administration
5 of justice by asking James Comey to "let this go," referring
6 to the criminal investigation of President Trump's National
7 Security Advisor and campaign adviser Michael Flynn;

8 (3) on or about March 22, 2017, President Trump
9 attempted to corrupt, impede and obstruct justice by asking
10 the Director of National Intelligence, Daniel Coats, and
11 Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Michael Pompeo,
12 to persuade James Comey to "back off" investigating Michael
13 Flynn;

14 (4) President Trump attempted to corrupt, impede and
15 prevent the administration of justice by telling James Comey
16 during several phone calls in March and April of 2017 that he
17 wanted James Comey to lift the "cloud" of the Russia
18 investigation;

19 (5) on or about May 9, 2017, President Trump attempted
20 to corrupt, impede and obstruct the administration of justice
21 by firing James Comey as Director of the FBI due to his
22 investigation of the Trump campaign's collusion with Russia
23 in the 2016 presidential campaign, and President Trump told
24 Russian officials on May 10, 2017, that the firing had "taken
25 off" the "great pressure" of the Russia investigation and
26 told NBC News on May 11, 2017, that the firing was because of
27 "this Russia thing";

28 (6) President Trump attempted to corrupt and impede the
29 administration of justice asking United States Attorney
30 General Jefferson Sessions to intervene in the criminal

1 investigation of the Trump campaign after Attorney General
2 Sessions had recused himself on advice of ethics officials
3 within the United States Department of Justice;

4 (7) President Trump attempted to corrupt the
5 administration of justice by ordering the firing of Special
6 Counsel Robert Mueller, who is overseeing the Russia
7 investigation, but White House Counsel Donald McGahn refused
8 to carry out that directive in June 2017;

9 (8) President Trump may have obstructed justice by
10 helping to draft a false public statement for his son, Donald
11 Trump, Jr., on July 8, 2017, claiming that a 2016 meeting
12 with a Russian lawyer was about adoption policy, and Donald
13 Trump, Jr., later acknowledged that the meeting was to
14 discuss damaging information which the Russian government had
15 about former Democratic Presidential Nominee Hillary Clinton;

16 (9) on or about July 26, 2017, President Trump attempted
17 to corrupt and impede the administration of justice by the
18 firing of then-Deputy Director of the FBI, Andrew McCabe, and
19 the demand for the firing was reportedly part of a campaign
20 to discredit a potential corroborating witness regarding
21 James Comey's conversations with President Trump;

22 (10) President Trump has been derelict in his duty to
23 defend the United States against all foreign enemies by
24 consistently taking no action to prevent or punish Russian or
25 other foreign interference in the 2016 presidential
26 elections, despite repeated warnings by the highest ranking
27 intelligence officials of concerns for the integrity of the
28 2018 elections and beyond;

29 (11) President Trump demonstrates gross unfitness for
30 office by frequently making false and misleading public

1 statements for the purpose of deceiving the people of the
2 United States, and the New York Times and the Washington Post
3 have compiled more than 2,000 false or misleading statements
4 made by President Trump to date, including, among others, the
5 repeated false statements about American intelligence
6 agencies' investigations and conclusions regarding Russia's
7 role in the 2016 election;

8 (12) President Trump has abused his office by continuing
9 to accept payments from foreign governments to his hotels and
10 other business operations in potential violation of the
11 emoluments clause under clause 8 of section 9 of Article I of
12 the Constitution of the United States, which states that "no
13 Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them
14 shall, without the Consent of the Congress, accept of any
15 present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever,
16 from any King, Prince, or foreign State";

17 (13) President Trump has abused his office by targeting
18 vulnerable minority and immigrant populations, including
19 issuance of an unconstitutional travel ban preventing
20 citizens from majority-Muslim nations from entering the
21 United States, making offensive and derogatory comments about
22 immigrant populations from non-European countries and
23 refusing to disavow white nationalist movements throughout
24 the United States and the world;

25 (14) President Trump, through his continued malfeasance
26 and abuse of office, has threatened democratic norms,
27 institutions and the rule of law, with a propaganda campaign
28 against the United State Department of Justice, the FBI and
29 the free press, and the President has pledged to review libel
30 laws and proposed to use the Federal Communications

1 Commission to revoke licenses of news outlets which he deems
2 unsympathetic, in addition to using the powers of the
3 presidency to attack Federal judges, law enforcement agencies
4 and government officials with charges that are untruthful and
5 without merit; and

6 (15) President Trump, also known as David Dennison, is
7 patently unfit for office, as proven by his condoning and
8 actively participating in unethical and immoral conduct that
9 renders him unfit for office, authorizing illicit payments
10 via intermediaries to conceal personal improprieties,
11 elevating immediate family members to high government office,
12 promoting his personal businesses and properties in his
13 official capacity as President and selling access to the
14 highest bidder by making himself available to members of his
15 private resorts while increasing membership fees for his own
16 personal enrichment;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 urge the United States House of Representatives to immediately
20 consider and adopt articles of impeachment against President
21 Donald J. Trump; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be
23 transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of
24 Representatives and to each member of the Pennsylvania
25 delegation to the Congress of the United States.