

P.L. 2021, Joint Resolution No. 5, *approved November 8, 2021*  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 109

1   **A JOINT RESOLUTION** condemning hate and violent extremism and  
2       committing to defending the integrity of a safe and just  
3       democratic society.  
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5   **WHEREAS**, On January 6, 2021, a violent attack took place in the  
6       nation’s capitol when a mob of riotous extremists attempted to  
7       overtake the United States Capitol Building and invalidate the  
8       results of a fair and free election; and  
9   **WHEREAS**, This act of domestic terrorism was an assault on our  
10       democracy and has brought to light the grave danger created when  
11       we ignore the hateful, divisive actions of those who seek to garner  
12       power based on fear, bigotry and falsehoods; and  
13   **WHEREAS**, The central and overriding tenet of living in a fair and  
14       secure democratic society is the idea that all people are deemed  
15       equal under the law and that no one is above that law; and  
16   **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey is committed to defending these  
17       democratic ideals by promoting inclusiveness and celebrating  
18       diversity, working to ensure equitable opportunities for all, and  
19       rejecting hate and bias in any form; and  
20   **WHEREAS**, The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a world renowned  
21       anti-hate organization dedicated to fighting threats to democracy;  
22       securing justice and fair treatment for all; and creating a world  
23       which is free from discrimination, bias and hate; and  
24   **WHEREAS**, The ADL issued a report finding a strong link between  
25       right-wing extremists, white supremacists and extremist-related  
26       murders and violence, and further noted that disinformation,  
27       misinformation and online conspiracy theories are spreading and  
28       inspiring real world violence and otherwise threatening our  
29       democracy; and  
30   **WHEREAS**, The State of New Jersey condemns these acts of violence  
31       and any actions based on hate or extremism as these actions are  
32       antithetical to our democracy and the safety and well-being of the  
33       people of this State; and  
34   **WHEREAS**, The elected leaders of this State are committed to  
35       defending the democratic process and all the people and  
36       mechanisms necessary to ensure its integrity; now, therefore,  
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38       **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
39       *State of New Jersey:*  
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41       1. The Governor and Legislature of the State of New Jersey  
42       condemn hate and violent extremism and express support for  
43       democracy.

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2. Copies of this resolution as filed by the Secretary of State shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and every member of the United States Congress elected from the State of New Jersey.

8        3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

3 This joint resolution condemns hate and violent extremism as  
4 antithetical to the tenets of a safe and just democratic society. The  
5 resolution further denounces the violent attack that occurred in the  
6 nation's capitol on January 6, 2021 as that attack is evidence of the  
7 violence that can result when extremists utilize hate, fear, bias,  
8 misinformation, and conspiracy theories to create an atmosphere  
9 that is hostile to democratic principles and processes.

20 This joint resolution also reaffirms New Jersey's continued  
21 commitment to the defense of a robust democratic society. One in  
22 which its people are considered equals under the law, and which  
23 celebrates the diverse cultures and backgrounds of its citizens. This  
24 joint resolution expresses New Jersey's desire to cultivate an  
25 environment of inclusion for its people, where hate and violence by  
26 extremists will not be tolerated.

31       Condemns hate and violent extremism and commits to defense of  
32       safe and just democracy.