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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ROCKLAND COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
PASSES RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE  
AND IN SUPPORT OF THE RULE OF LAW**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, in an effort to prevent the United States Congress from certifying the votes of the Electoral College, rioters unlawfully entered and damaged the U.S. Capitol; and

WHEREAS, this riotous behavior threatened the lives of the Vice President of the United States, Members of Congress, their staff, and Capitol Police Officers and resulted in the death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick and four others; and

WHEREAS, peaceful protests to redress grievances are protected as free speech but riotous behavior is not and must be strongly condemned by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Rockland County Bar Association, through our various public outreach and attorney education programs, seek to promote equal access to justice and greater understanding of the law and thus have a responsibility as officers of the court to uphold the rule of law and defend both the United States and New York State Constitutions;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Rockland County Bar Association:

- (1) Condemns the actions of those who engaged in violence and criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6, 2021;
- (2) Recognizes that our Constitution protects the exercise of free speech, and peaceful assembly and protest; and
- (3) Supports our Nation's democratic processes and the rule of law; and
- (4) Supports the prosecution, of all who committed illegal acts in connection with the riot which occurred in the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, in accordance with the rule of law.

Adopted: January 15, 2021

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