

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Whereas, it has been the tradition of the Missouri Senate to jealously guard the honor, integrity, and public standing of its membership, and the Missouri Senate has always been quick to defend against and quick to condemn any internal or external threat to that tradition; and

Whereas, on August 17, 2017, Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal wrote the following on the social media website Facebook, "I hope Trump is Assassinated!"; and

Whereas, such expression of a desire for violence against the President of the United States of America by another elected official is unfitting and unbecoming of a member of the Missouri Senate and constitutes disorderly conduct; and

Whereas, such expression also demonstrates a disrespect for the democratic process as enshrined in the United States and Missouri Constitutions; and

Whereas, pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, the Senate retains the sole right and responsibility to determine the qualifications of its members; and

Whereas, pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, the Senate may punish a member for disorderly conduct:

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the disorderly conduct of Senator Chappelle-Nadal, as put forth in this resolution, is of a type and of such magnitude to warrant a public censure; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-ninth General Assembly, Veto Session of the First Regular Session, hereby find and conclude that Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal engaged in disorderly conduct and is hereby immediately censured; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate urge Senator Chappelle-Nadal to conduct herself in a manner that respects the longstanding traditions of the Missouri Senate; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate urge Senator Chappelle-Nadal to respect her position as a Senator by refraining from action or words that incite or encourage violence; and

Be It Further Resolved that the members of the Missouri Senate urge Senator Chappelle-Nadal to resign or, upon failure to do so, she may be subject to potential expulsion at a future session of the Missouri Senate.