A RESOLUTION

1 Impeaching Joseph C. Gale, Montgomery County Commissioner, for
2 misbehavior in office.
3 BE IT RESOLVED, That Joseph C. Gale, Montgomery County
4 Commissioner, be impeached for misbehavior in office and that
5 the following be exhibited to the Senate:
6 On June 1, 2020, Joseph C. Gale issued a press statement
7 under the Seal of the County of Montgomery in which he, without
8 evidence or cause, disparaged and defamed the Black Lives Matter
9 movement by declaring them "terrorists" seeking to "justify the
10 lawless destruction of our cities and surrounding communities,"
11 despite the fact that they represent peaceful and civil
12 protestors seeking redress for four centuries of grievances,
13 including racially-motivated oppression, rape, exploitation and
14 murder.
15 Joseph C. Gale did make these inflammatory and derisive
16 statements despite the overwhelmingly peaceful and civil nature
17 of protests throughout this Commonwealth, the United States and
at least 17 countries around the world in support of the civil
rights of people of color.

Joseph C. Gale has demonstrated by this and subsequent
statements his contempt for the people of Montgomery County and
his deliberate unwillingness to uphold its values of decency,
morality, respectability, civility, equality and unity.

Joseph C. Gale engaged in a potentially unlawful and
distinctly shameful use of a public office and public resources
for no legitimate governmental purpose, utilizing his office to
engage in and promote libelous and unsupported hate speech for
his own political gain, as evidenced by the prominent display of
his statement of June 1, 2020, on his personal campaign website.

Joseph C. Gale used the County Seal and masthead bearing the
words "Board of Commissioners, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania"
to legitimize racist rhetoric, thereby deliberately and falsely
implying that his statements were an official statement of the
Montgomery County government.

Joseph C. Gale was formally censured by the County of
Montgomery on June 4, 2020, for his "hateful, divisive and
false" statements.

Joseph C. Gale is the subject of a petition calling for his
immediate resignation which has, as of June 9, 2020, more than
80,000 signatures; and has been the subject of numerous peaceful
public protests calling for his immediate resignation.

Joseph C. Gale expressed views which law enforcement
officials in Montgomery County have described as increasing
danger for law enforcement officers, undermining their authority
by disrespecting a large proportion of his constituents
and unilaterally declaring that those seeking justice are
"terrorists."
Joseph C. Gale has failed in his duty to provide words of unity, calm and compassion during this difficult time following the killing of George Floyd by a police officer, and has instead deliberately endangered his constituents through the use of language that incites violence and division.

Joseph C. Gale has abused his position to promulgate and promote racist and ignorant comments that have legitimized and increased fear and hatred of people of color within Montgomery County.

Joseph C. Gale abused his position via an unwarranted assumption of authority to attack and undermine elected officials in Philadelphia County, a county over which he has no jurisdiction or oversight.

Wherefore, Commissioner Joseph C. Gale is guilty of impeachable offenses warranting removal from office and disqualification to hold any office or trust in this Commonwealth.

The House of Representatives hereby reserves the right and ability to exhibit at any time hereafter further Articles of Impeachment against Commissioner Gale, to reply to any answers that Commissioner Gale may make to any Articles of Impeachment which are exhibited and to offer proof at trial in the Senate in support of each and every Article of Impeachment which shall be exhibited by them.