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House Order To Expel a Member of the House of Representatives

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, Representative Scott Hamann published a statement on social media in which he threatened to commit a violent act against the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Speaker of the House of Representatives has condemned Representative Hamann's statement as "inexcusable"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hamann's incitement to violence against the nation's chief executive gives aid and comfort to individuals who are committed to the violent overthrow of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hamann's incitement to violence against the President of the United States lends moral support to individuals such as the gunman in Virginia who recently shot and severely wounded several members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hamann's incitement to violence against the President of the United States disgraces and dishonors the Maine House of Representatives and each of its members, past and present; and

WHEREAS, no apology from Representative Hamann, even a sincere apology, can undo the damage done by his incitement to violence against the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 4 empowers the House of Representatives to expel a member for misconduct; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, that Representative Scott Hamann is hereby expelled from office and that a vacancy exists in House District 32.