

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 147

Approved April 13, 2017

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2017, President Trump announced in a Tweet that “Obama had my ‘wires tapped’ during the very sacred election process”; and

WHEREAS, Despite repeated requests, President Trump refused to provide any evidence to support his allegation; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2017, the President’s press secretary repeated a Fox News claim that the previous administration had used the British security agency to conduct surveillance on the Trump campaign; and

WHEREAS, The British security agency described those allegations as “utterly ridiculous” and demanded a retraction; and

WHEREAS, The Trump administration’s national security adviser was reported to have contacted the British government to apologize privately, but the Trump administration denied that any apology was made; and

WHEREAS, On March 20, 2017, the Directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Security Administration both testified to Congress that there was no information to support the tweeted allegation concerning the former President’s supposed wiretapping of candidate Trump; and

WHEREAS, During the 2016 Presidential campaign, then-candidate Trump admitted for the first time that his “birther” allegations about then-President Obama were false, five years after the former President produced his birth certificate, using the occasion to claim credit for having uncovered the true answer to his false accusations; and

WHEREAS, The damage from the tragedy of Vietnam was amplified and magnified by the “credibility gap” of President Johnson, causing great damage to the country and an indelible stain on the Johnson Presidency; and

WHEREAS, The damage from the Watergate crisis was amplified and magnified by the Nixon administration’s cover-up, including the practice of declaring prior statements “no longer operative” by the White House press secretary, disrupting the nation’s well-being and leaving an indelible stain on the Nixon Presidency; and

WHEREAS, The President's credibility is critical to the nation's standing with other countries, the integrity of the country's democratic institutions, and the legitimacy of the President himself with the American people, including the citizens of the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon the President of the United States to repair the damage to the office's credibility sustained from the false wire-tapping and surveillance allegations, by

1. Publicly apologizing to the British government for wrongly accusing them of surveillance of the Trump campaign,
2. Publicly apologizing to former President Obama for falsely accusing him of wiretapping, and
3. Explaining to the American people how he, as President, is going to restore credibility to himself and to his office.

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 Mayor

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