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To Express the City of Columbus's sense of urgency regarding the constitutional duty of the United States Senate to advise and consent on the President's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States provides that the Senate shall provide Advice and Consent for appointments to the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Senate's constitutional duty to advise and consent on judicial nominees is one of its most important and solemn responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Judiciary Committee has never denied a Supreme Court nominee a hearing since it began holding public confirmation hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court serves an essential function resolving critical questions of law that affect our community, its economy, and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, forcing the Supreme Court to function with only eight justices risks creating numerous instances in which the Court is evenly divided on the outcome of a case, preventing the Court from resolving conflicting interpretations of the Constitution among different regions of the Nation and thereby undermining the Supreme Court's role as the final arbiter of the law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That the Senate should perform its constitutional duty to provide advice and consent on the President's Supreme Court nominee by -

(1) promptly scheduling a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee for Judge Merrick Garland, so that the his nomination can be considered on his own merits in an open and transparent manner;

(2) holding a confirmation vote on the Senate floor, with opportunity for debate on Judge Merrick Garland's nomination; and

(3) working on behalf of the people of the United States to ensure that the vacancy on the Supreme Court is filled without undue and unnecessary delay so that the Supreme Court can effectively serve its essential constitutional function as the final arbiter of the law.