30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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RESOLUTION NO. 3878 SENSE OF THE BOARD COMMENDING THE DECISION OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS TO PROVIDE "I Voted" STICKERS

WHEREAS, the City of Stamford Office of Voter Registration ceased providing "I Voted" stickers to those who appear in person to vote after the 2004 elections; and

WHEREAS, Mayor David Martin, along with many residents, especially the members of Women on Watch, were dismayed by the lack of Election Day stickers; and

WHEREAS, many residents are proud to wear the Election Day stickers as evidence that they have fulfilled their civic obligation to cast a ballot; and

WHEREAS, there is some evidence that wearing "I Voted" stickers encourages people to participate in the election process; and

WHEREAS, political scientists believe that the wearing "I Voted" stickers creates a sense of community associated with voting and some research demonstrated that people might be more likely to vote if they can sport an "I Voted" sticker; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017 election, Mayor David Martin called for the reinstatement of the provision of "I Voted" stickers, and

WHEREAS, Stamford's Director of Legal Affairs, Kathryn Emmett, Esq., strongly supports the provision of "I Voted" stickers; and

WHEREAS, at the urging of Mayor David R. Martin, Kathryn Emmett, Esq., and many Stamford residents, the Office of Voter Registration has agreed to provide "I Voted" stickers at all future Stamford elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that it commends the Democratic and Republican Registrars of Voters for committing to provide "I Voted" stickers at all future elections.

This resolution was approved by a Machine Vote of 19-15-1 at the regular monthly meeting of the 30th Board of Representatives held on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Matthew Quinones, President 30th Board of Representatives

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