

***RESOLUTION TO PLEDGE TO TREAT OTHERS WITH DIGNITY***

*WHEREAS, the Stamford Board of Representatives is the legislative body of the City of Stamford; and*

*WHEREAS, in order for the public to have faith in the Board of Representatives as an institution, we, as elected officials must conduct ourselves in a dignified and professional manner; and*

*WHEREAS, we, as Stamfordians, and as elected officials of the city, pledge to discuss issues based on their merits, and not to engage in character attacks upon our fellow Board members; and*

*WHEREAS, we pledge to treat everyone with respect, regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, religious background, race, ethnicity, immigration status, country of origin, level of educational attainment, social class, or disability status; and*

*WHEREAS, we, as Americans, who know and love our country, are convinced that there is no America without democracy, no democracy without healthy debate, and no healthy debate without dignity;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives, that we pledge to do more to treat others with dignity, and not with contempt, both in our Board meetings and in our public life outside of the Board, in our actions, and in our spoken and written words.*