SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE STAMFORD SENIOR CENTER ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Stamford Senior Center was founded in 1996 to open a senior center for the seniors of Stamford; and

WHEREAS, an ad hoc board consisting of William Rosenfield, Warren Dubin, Annette Antonelli, and Joe Cottone was formed and a search for an Executive Director commenced and in June, 1996, Jeanne Franklin was hired as the first Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, a lease was signed for the use of the 2nd floor of the Stamford Government Center with the City of Stamford and a $50,000 one-time start up grant was received for construction and renovation of the space, which included a gymnasium, auditorium, a wheelchair accessible entrance from the 3rd floor of the parking garage, a 9-hole putting green, computer training room, recreation room with billiard tables, a seminar room, café and reception area; and

WHEREAS, programs include exercise classes, art, the outreach ambassador program to support multicultural diversity, a federally funded reduced lunch program under Catholic Charities, SeniorNet computer classes, and English as a Second Language classes; and

WHEREAS, today the Stamford Senior Center serves over 75 seniors with programming around health and wellness, education, socialization, and social services to assist the Latino elder community and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Stamford Senior Center continues to thrive with over 800 members, and serves between 150 - 200 seniors each day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford extends its congratulations to the Stamford Senior Center on its 20th Anniversary.

Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
this 2nd day of May, 2016

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk