## SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JUDITH ALTMANN ON BEING AWARDED THE 2019 JHS HERITAGE AWARD BY THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2019, the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHS) is holding a celebration with the theme of "Embracing Human Dignity and Resilience" and at the celebration, the JHS will honor Judith Altmann with its **2019 JHS** *Heritage Award*, in celebration of her work in Holocaust and Genocide Education; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last 25 years, Judith Altmann, a survivor of the Holocaust, has shared her experiences with both children and adults, to ensure that her experiences and those of millions of others are not forgotten; and

**WHEREAS,** Judith Altmann was born in Jasinia, Czechoslovakia;, which was invaded by the Nazis in 1939; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, Judith Altmann, along with her family and the entire town of Jasinia, was arrested and transported by cattle car to Auschwitz, from which she was sent to the Essen and Gelsenkirchen labor camps; and

**WHEREAS,** in March, 1945, Judith Altmann was forced into a "death march" to Bergen Belsen, and, having contracted typhus, was barely alive when the camp was liberated by the British Army in May, 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith Altmann subsequently went to Sweden and then settled in the United States, where she married and raised two sons; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith Altmann has spent the last twenty-five years telling her story at schools, churches and synagogues in order to educate people about the Holocaust, having spoken to over 100,000 people.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 30th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Judith Altmann on being awarded the 2019 JHS Heritage Award and sincerely thanks her for her many years of dedication to ensuring that her story and those of countless others are not forgotten.

Approved by the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives This 6th day of November, 2019

Matthew Quinones, President
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