**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
POLISH PEOPLE AS THEY COMMEMORATE THE 230th ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ADOPTION OF POLAND'S FIRST CONSTITUTION**

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021 Polish people in Stamford are celebrating the 230th anniversary of the adoption of the first Polish constitution; and

WHEREAS, American Revolutionary War hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko introduced the concept of constitutional democracy to his native country of Poland; and

WHEREAS, the Polish constitution of 1791 was the first liberal constitution in Europe and was designed to protect Poland's sovereignty and national unity and to create a progressive constitutional monarchy; and

WHEREAS, this Polish constitution was the first constitution in Central Eastern Europe to secure individual and religious freedom for all persons in Poland; and

WHEREAS, this Polish constitution formed a government composed of distinct legislative, executive, and judicial powers; and

WHEREAS, this Polish constitution declared that "all power in civil society should be derived from the will of the people"; and

WHEREAS, although this Polish constitution was in effect for less than two years, its principles endured and it became the symbol around which a powerful new national consciousness was born, helping Poland to survive long periods of misfortune over the following two centuries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Board of Representatives goes on official record congratulating Polish people in Stamford, including Americans of Polish descent, as on May 3, 2021 they commemorate the 230th anniversary of the adoption of the first Polish constitution, and recognize Poland's rebirth as a free and independent nation in the spirit of the legacy of the Polish constitution of 1791.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
this 3rd day of May, 2021*

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Matthew Quinones, President   Susan Nabel, Clerk
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