SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HARRY DAY ON BECOMING STAMFORD'S 2025 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Harry Day served for nearly two decades on the Stamford Board of Representatives from District 13, was Assistant Minority Leader, Chair of the Land Use & Urban Redevelopment Committee, served on the Fiscal Committee and Legislative & Rules Committee, and as Board Parliamentarian; and

WHEREAS, Harry Day presently serves as the President of the Stamford Land Conservation Trust, a group dedicated to acquiring and preserving open space for public use, as well as for sustainability of our environment; and which currently stewards over 450 acres of open space in Stamford, including 60 acres recently acquired in large part due to his unwavering perseverance; and nearly tripled the number of acres under its care during his twenty year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day has been involved with Kids in Crisis since 2003 and served as Board Chair from 2007 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day has served on the Boards of the Mill River Park Collaborative, the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Agency, and the Smith House Health Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Day has been on the Stamford Emergency Medical Services Board of Directors since 2002, serving as Vice President from 2007-2021, where his legal background proved instrumental in redrafting and improving their by-laws; and

WHEREAS, Harry has served on the Stamford Museum & Nature Center's Board of Directors since 2013; and

WHEREAS, his leadership as Board President from 2018 to 2024 was instrumental in transforming the campus with the addition of the Knobloch Family Farmhouse, the maple sugar house, and an outdoor gathering space, sponsored by him; and

WHEREAS, his continued work includes the planning and building of a magnificent new Planetarium & Astronomy Center due to open this spring; and

WHEREAS, Day is currently serving as the Board President Emeritus, championing the Stamford Museum & Nature Center's capital Campaign for Future Generations; and

WHEREAS, Harry was unanimously recognized by the committee that chooses the citizen of the year, because, "he has demonstrated a belief in interfaith harmony, possesses the highest standards of responsibility in civic life, and has helped in the promotion of projects for the public welfare."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the 31st Board of Representatives that it congratulates Harry Day on becoming Stamford's 2025 Citizen of the Year.

Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives this 5th day of May, 2025

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk