

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
HONORING MELISSA H. MULROONEY  
ON HER 20 YEARS SERVING AS CEO AT  
THE STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Melissa H. Mulrooney graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in theater and English literature and took a position with Broadcasting Magazine, where a mentor advised she enter into the advertising world, focusing on copywriting and editing, which she did for five years before pivoting to the Delaware Art Museum as the Director of Public Relations; and

**WHEREAS**, after eleven years at the Delaware Art Museum, Ms. Mulrooney was offered and accepted a position at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island as their first professional Museum Director, and after her tenure there, she moved to New York City. While in New York City, she worked with non-profits before working with the Museum of Arts & Design, in addition to teaching at NYU, before briefly returning to the Delaware Art Museum to help with a stalled capital program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Mulrooney was immediately headhunted upon her return to New York for her current job in Stamford. Ms. Mulrooney started her time as the Chief Executive Officer of the Stamford Museum & Nature Center in September 2005, where she encountered many projects to address, including deferred maintenance and a 1960's era observatory among the different facilities and programs at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center; and

**WHEREAS**, her desire to build upon and improve the facilities and programming at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center led her within the first years of her career there to work with the Museum Board to create a long-term master plan to look at the next fifty years of the institution and draft a plan for capital improvements that were needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stamford Museum & Nature Center, with its main focus on both education and social engagement, is a dynamic 118-acre campus that blends art, history and nature with galleries hosting exhibitions in the historic Bendel Mansion and the working Heckscher Farm, to the miles of scenic trails and hands-on education programs, to the opening of the brand-new Planetarium & Astronomy Center, designed to expand STEM and STEAM learning through immersive astronomy experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Representatives wishes to record its admiration for her leadership and its gratitude for her foresight and planning for the Stamford Museum & Nature Center. Although her time leading the organization is ending, the contributions, leadership, and positive impact of Melissa H. Mulrooney will be long remembered and appreciated by the Stamford Museum & Nature Center and the entire city of Stamford.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 32<sup>nd</sup> Board of Representatives hereby recognizes and honors Melissa H. Mulrooney for her distinguished service, expresses sincere appreciation for her contributions, and extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead. May a copy of this Resolution be presented to Melissa H. Mulrooney as permanent expression of the Board's gratitude and respect and in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the City of Stamford.

***Approved by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026***

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Ramya Shaw, President

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Parker Johnson, Clerk