

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A SISTER CITY  
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITIES OF PUNE, INDIA  
AND STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and the City of Pune is joining the City of Stamford in a Sister City Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, Pune, the second-largest city next to the state capital city of Mumbai, is in the state of Maharashtra, India and is considered the cultural capital of Maharashtra along with being the home to many colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pune is known for manufacturing, especially the automobile industry, and is home to diverse industrial organizations, including international automobile companies, IT companies and vaccine producers; and

**WHEREAS**, Pune suffered massive flooding in 1961, and in the face of this devastation, recovered with the aid of modern town planning and development resulting in a booming economy in construction and manufacturing; and

**WHEREAS**, Pune expanded its information technology and engineering industries in the 1990s, which led to the Mumbai-Pune expressway and the creation of technology parks; and

**WHEREAS**, Stamford is the home to many persons with origins in and around Maharashtra, India; and

**WHEREAS**, an informal cultural, social and economic exchange is already in place between the residents of Stamford and Pune.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes the partnership between the cities of Stamford and Pune; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes and congratulates the City of Pune, India and its Mayor, Dattatreya Dhankawde on its many achievements.

*Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015*

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Randall M. Skigen, President  
29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk  
29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives