

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING A SISTER CITY
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ROSE, ITALY
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

WHEREAS, the Town of Rose, Italy, is joining the City of Stamford in a Sister City Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Rose, Italy, is a town of about 4,500 people in the province of Cosenza in the Calabria region of southern Italy; and

WHEREAS, Rose is a picturesque town, situated on a hill, with exquisite architecture and natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1880s many people have emigrated from Rose to Stamford, bringing with them their language, culture and many talents, especially expert craftsmanship in stone masonry, iron work, gardening and building trades; and

WHEREAS, Stamford has greatly benefited from the contributions of those who came here from Rose, and this is evident in the beautiful stone work and building structures throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Stamford residents with roots in Rose, Italy, are among Stamford's most prominent and successful citizens, and serve their Stamford community in many ways, through charitable contributions, volunteer work and participation in government; and

WHEREAS, those from Rose who have made Stamford their home have set the stage for the establishment of a Sister City relationship as an informal cultural, social and economic exchange is already in place between the residents of Stamford and Rose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes the partnership between the City of Stamford and the Town of Rose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes and congratulates the Town of Rose, Italy and its Mayor, Mario Bria, on the occasion of the establishment of this Sister City relationship.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
this 5th day of October, 2015*

Randall M. Skigen, President
29th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
29th Board of Representatives