

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA PHILLIPS**

**WHEREAS**, Claire Patricia Cole was born on March 17, 1940, and moved to Stamford in 1974, where her commitment to public service and family history drove many of her actions over the next decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Phillips championed the rights of and promoted safety for victims of domestic violence, creating Stamford's Task Force on Domestic Violence, which brought together local police, government officials, hospitals, churches, and nonprofits to collectively address the issue, in 1979, and later founding and serving on the board of Domestic Violence Services, now the DVCC; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Phillips co-founded Pacific House Shelter for the Homeless, which began as a basement space in the First Congregational Church in Stamford, serving over 60 people a night, and became an independent nonprofit service agency known as Shelter for the Homeless in 1985. In 2013, the Homeless Shelter of Stamford dedicated one of its homes, the Patricia C. Phillips House, in recognition of her unwavering leadership in support of its mission; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Phillips' desire to preserve family history influenced many actions throughout her time in Stamford, including her support of the Loft Artists Association, and the establishment of the Phillips Gallery; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Phillips received numerous awards and honors in recognition of her commitment to community, including the Hannah G. Solomon Award from the National Council of Jewish Women's Stamford Section in 1983; the Liberty Bell award from the Regional Bar Association; the Community Lifetime Award from the Council of Churches and Synagogues; the Community Leader of the Year from the Stamford Advocate, the Ray of Hope Award from the Shelter for the Homeless in Stamford; the Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award from the United Way of Western Connecticut and the Volunteer Center; and in November of last year, the first Founders Award from the DVCC; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Phillips is survived by her husband, Bob, her son Graham, his wife Tara and two granddaughters, Charlotte and Emma, her daughter Lora and her husband Robert, granddaughter Annabelle and grandson Peyton.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford remembers and honors Patricia Phillips for her commitment and service to the Stamford Community.

*Approved by the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021*

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Matthew Quinones, President

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Susan Nabel, Clerk