

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT,  
RECOGNIZING THE NATIVE PEOPLES  
INVOLVED IN THE FOUNDING OF STAMFORD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford was founded in 1641 by a treaty between settlers from the New Haven Colony and the Ramapough Munsee People, The Lunaapewaak; and

**WHEREAS**, over the course of European settlement in the modern Northeastern United States, indigenous people were systematically displaced from their traditional homelands; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Chief Vincent Mann of the Ramapough Munsee People, attended the unveiling of the restored Original Deed of Stamford at the Old Town Hall in Stamford, an event hosted by the Town Clerk of Stamford, formally reintroducing his people to the Stamford community and the lands they once stewarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Representatives welcomes more dialogue between the Ramapough Munsee People, the Lunaapewaak, and Stamford City government to create more engagement between the original people of our community in order to acknowledge the wrongs of the past.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives officially welcomes Chief Mann and the Ramapough Munsee People back to their traditional home, recognizes their traditional role as stewards of the land, and aspires to a fruitful engagement between our two great peoples.

Approved by the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives  
This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2022

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Jeff Curtis, President

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Megan Cottrell, Clerk