

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION URGING THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT
STATEWIDE WINDOW SAFETY LEGISLATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, the tragic and preventable death of a four-year-old child from a tenth-floor window apartment fall in the City of Stamford has highlighted a critical gap in statewide tenant safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, according to pediatric health and trauma experts, including the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's Hospital, falls from windows are a leading cause of accidental injury and death among young children, particularly during warmer months; and

WHEREAS, the current Connecticut State Building Code generally mandates window opening-control devices (window stops) or guards only on newly constructed or substantially renovated residential structures, leaving thousands of families living in older, existing housing stock completely unprotected; and

WHEREAS, window safety regulations should be based on the presence of vulnerable population - specifically young children - rather than the age or construction date of a building, a principle successfully utilized by nearby jurisdictions such as New York City; and

WHEREAS, affordable, removable, and highly effective window guards and opening-control devices are widely available, which effectively limit a window's opening to four (4) inches or less to prevent a child from falling out, while remaining easily disengageable by adults to ensure fire egress in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, municipal governments in Connecticut are currently constrained by state-level building and housing code preemption, requiring uniform, statewide legislative action by the Connecticut General Assembly to ensure all children are equally protected regardless of their zip code or the age of their building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 32ND BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:**

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1. The Board strongly urges the Connecticut General Assembly, and specifically the Joint Committee on Public Health and the Joint Committee on Housing, to introduce and pass comprehensive statewide legislation requiring the installation of temporary or removable window guards or window stops in all residential rental units where a child under the age of ten (10) resides or frequently visits.
2. The Board requests that Stamford's State Legislative Delegation actively champion and co-sponsor this life-saving legislative effort during the next legislative session.
3. Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board of Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Connecticut, the leaders of the Connecticut General Assembly, and all members representing the City of Stamford in the State Senate and House of Representatives.