

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING PATRICIA AND ROBERT PHILLIPS
ON BEING HONORED AS 2016 COMMUNITY LEADERS
BY THE STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER**

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2016, the Stamford Museum & Nature Center held its 80th Anniversary Food & Wine Celebration and honored Patricia and Robert Phillips as Community Leaders; and

WHEREAS, Patricia and Robert Phillips moved to Stamford in 1974 and, since moving to Stamford, have contributed to the City of Stamford and its residents in innumerable ways; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Phillips has consistently worked to improve the lives of Stamford residents: creating the Stamford Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence in 1979; working with the Council of Churches and Synagogues in Stamford to provide training and develop safe houses for victims of domestic violence; founding and serving on the board of Domestic Violence Services, a program of YWCA Darien/Norwalk that became the Domestic Violence Crisis Center in Norwalk in 1997; co-founding the Shelter for the Homeless, the only regional men's shelter in lower Fairfield County, serving as Board Chair from 1997 to 2003; and joining Person-to-Person's advisory board in 2005 and serving on its board; and

WHEREAS, Robert Phillips founded the Stamford Public Education Foundation in 2001 and served as board president for three years; has served on numerous other boards, including the Mill River Collaborative, currently as its Vice Chair, the Stamford Symphony, serving as a member of the Chairman's Council, and the Stamford Museum & Nature Center; has promoted the Stamford Old Town Hall as an art venue; and was instrumental in bringing the Stamford Symphony to the Palace Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Patricia and Robert Phillips have received numerous awards and honors, both separately and together, for their service to the Fairfield County community, including the Community Life Award from the Council of Churches and Synagogues, in 1998, the Advocate's Community Leader Award in 2003, the Stamford Symphony 2008 Maestro Award, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the United Way of Western Connecticut and the Volunteer Center in 2014, a Light a Fire Lifetime Achievement Award from Greenwich Magazine in 2014; the Rays of Hope award from the Shelter for the Homeless in 2016, and the Stamford Public Education Foundation Excellence in Education Leadership Award in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Patricia and Robert Phillips on being honored as 2016 Community Leaders by the Stamford Museum & Nature Center.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives sincerely thanks Patricia and Robert Phillips for their many years of dedication, service and contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 6th day of June, 2016*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk