

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING BARBARA J. SMITH-SOROCA
ON HER RETIREMENT AS
CEO AND PRESIDENT OF THE STAMFORD SYMPHONY**

WHEREAS, Barbara Smith-Soroca has served as CEO & President for the Stamford Symphony Orchestra since 1979; and

WHEREAS, as CEO and President, Barbara Smith-Soroca built the Stamford Symphony Orchestra from a part-time mostly volunteer organization to a professional union orchestra with a full time professional administration staff, developing the Stamford Symphony as a valuable resource for Stamford and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Smith-Soroca has engaged in numerous activities to encourage the participation of students and young people in music, including developing and supporting the education program in the Stamford school system, designing scholarship programs for high school students; bringing young artists to Stamford to perform with the orchestra and working with the PTO Arts program to help get funding for music in the schools; has encouraged broader community engagement with the orchestra and developed regional partnership relationships; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Smith-Soroca has raised over \$16,000,000 to insure the financial stability of the Orchestra, including sponsorships, annual campaigns, government and private foundations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work on behalf of the Stamford Symphony, Barbara Smith-Soroca has worked with numerous other non-for-profit organizations and serves on the boards of several arts organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the leadership and dedication of Barbara Smith-Soroca, the City of Stamford has in the Stamford Symphony a full scale highly regarded professional organization recognized for its excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 29th Board of Representatives extends their sincere thanks and appreciation to Barbara J. Smith-Soroca for her 38 years of service to the Stamford Symphony and enrichment of the lives of the citizens of Stamford and congratulates her on her retirement.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 2nd day of October, 2017*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk