

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING DUDLEY N. WILLIAMS, JR. ON BEING
SELECTED STAMFORD'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2017**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans Post 142 sponsors and runs the City of Stamford's Annual Citizen of the Year Program and has selected Dudley N. Williams, Jr. as Stamford's Citizen of the Year for 2017, as "[a] person who ... has demonstrated a belief in interfaith harmony, possesses the highest standards of responsibility in civic life, has helped in the promotion of projects for the public welfare and who has personally worked with distinction to benefit Stamford on a community-wide basis;" and

WHEREAS, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. and his wife, Juanita James, who was Stamford's Citizen of the Year 2009, moved to Stamford in 1989, where they raised their son, Dudley Williams, III, and since that time, Mr. Williams has dedicated himself to making Stamford a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. has been an active participant in the Stamford community for 25 years, having served on the Board of Education for three terms, including two as president, then serving on the Planning Board and now serving on the Board of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Dudley N. Williams, Jr. has served in leadership and volunteer roles for various organizations, including the Center for Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education, Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County, Stamford Achieves, Urban League of Southwestern Connecticut, Connecticut Science Center and the Nellie Mae Education Foundation. He currently serves on the boards of The Avon Theatre, Connecticut Center for School Change, Ferguson Library and the Stamford YMCA; and

WHEREAS, having retired as Senior Vice President of Citizenship and Diversity from GE Asset Management, Mr. Williams now serves as the CEO of the Mill River Collaborative, after serving as Interim Executive Director of the Stamford YMCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Dudley N. Williams, Jr. for being selected Stamford Citizen of the Year 2017.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives sincerely thanks Dudley N. Williams, Jr. for his many years of dedication, service and contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 2nd day of April, 2018*

Matthew Quinones, President

Susan Nabel, Clerk