

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AGNES VERTES
ON BEING AWARDED THE 2019 JHS HERITAGE AWARD
BY THE JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2019, the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County (JHS) is holding a celebration with the theme of “Embracing Human Dignity and Resilience” and at the celebration, the JHS will honor Agnes Vertes with its **2019 JHS Heritage Award**, in celebration of her work in Holocaust and Genocide Education; and

WHEREAS, for over thirty years, Agnes Vertes, a survivor of the Holocaust, has worked to ensure that her experiences and those of the one million five hundred thousand Jewish children murdered by the Nazis are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Agnes Vertes was born Agnes Margaret Katz in Budapest, Hungary in September, 1940; and

WHEREAS, when Germany occupied Hungary in 1944, four-year-old Agnes and her two-year-old sister, Suzanna, were sent to live with a Christian woman in a shack in the countryside; and

WHEREAS, after the shack was demolished during an Allied bombing raid, Agnes and her sister lived on the street in Budapest, enduring the coldest winter, and ultimately went to a children’s home in Buda, where they developed tuberculosis, until their mother was able to rescue them when the Russians build a bridge over the Danube; and

WHEREAS, Agnes Vertes married the late Michael A. Vertes, also a Holocaust survivor, and they raised a son and a daughter; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, Agnes Vertes became an educator, a documentary filmmaker, advocate, and activist, serving as a voice of the one million five hundred thousand Jewish children murdered by the Nazis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 30th Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Agnes Vertes on being awarded the 2019 JHS Heritage Award and sincerely thanks her for her many years of advocacy and activism to ensure that her story and those of countless others are not forgotten.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
This 6th day of November, 2019*

Matthew Quinones, President
30th Board of Representatives

Susan Nabel, Clerk
30th Board of Representatives