## SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING CAPTAIN THOMAS A. LOMBARDO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STAMFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF STAMFORD

WHEREAS, Captain Thomas A. Lombardo, a lifelong resident of Stamford and a proud graduate of Trinity Catholic High School, as well as Marquette University and Fairfield University, began his journey of service in the community he called home, following in the footsteps of his father, Captain Thomas A. M. Lombardo. Officer Lombardo, Badge #110, began his career with the Stamford Police Department on August 13, 1973, and faithfully served the citizens of Stamford for more than five decades and was promoted through the ranks, starting with Sergeant on April 30, 1979, Lieutenant on June 30, 1983, and Captain on November 14, 1988 — through dedication, professionalism, and exemplary leadership; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Captain Lombardo held a wide range of critical assignments including the Department's first Crimes Prevention Officer, Grants Officer, Internal Affairs, Patrol Sergeant, Records Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Youth Bureau Lieutenant, Patrol Captain, Captain of Administrative Services, Captain of the Police Academy, Captain of Support Services, District Captain, Commander of 911, Captain of the Parks Police, and also served as Emergency Management Director for the City of Stamford, ensuring preparedness and safety for the community in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lombardo was entrusted numerous times throughout his career as the Events Commander, overseeing the City's annual celebrations such as the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration, Heights and Lights, the Balloon Parade, and various other parades and city events, ensuring they were conducted safely and enjoyed by thousands of Stamford residents. Captain Lombardo was widely regarded as the official historian of the Stamford Police Department, and further served as a guest curator of The Stamford Historical Society, where he was instrumental in the creation of "Law & Order: The History of the Stamford Police Department," preserving and sharing the Department's proud traditions; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lombardo officially retired on September 2, 2025, having served with the Stamford Police Department for 52 years and 20 days — the longest tenure of any officer in the Department's history. After 52 years of service, Captain Lombardo's personnel file included 112 pages of thank-you and commendation letters from citizens, mayors, other public officials, and community organizations, consistently praising his professionalism, compassion, leadership, dedication to community service, and unwavering integrity. Throughout this remarkable tenure, Captain Lombardo never took a single sick day, exemplifying his steadfast reliability, devotion to duty, and extraordinary commitment to service; and

WHEREAS, Captain Lombardo also served as a civic leader, including his long tenure as President of the North Stamford Association, and his service on both the Stamford Republican Town Committee and the Connecticut Republican State Central Committee, where he gave further voice to his community. His family — his wife of 35 years, Kate, and his sons, Gregory and Justin — acknowledge him as a wonderful husband, father, and stepfather, and join the community in congratulating him on his retirement. The City of Stamford is grateful to Captain Lombardo, whose service exemplified a steadfast belief in public service, as he devoted over 52 years of his life to the safety, security, and wellbeing of Stamford's citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 31st Board of Representatives honors Captain Thomas A. Lombardo for his extraordinary contributions to law enforcement, civic life, and historical preservation in Stamford, and extends its gratitude for his lifelong commitment to the City and its people.

This 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025		
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