

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE CITY OF STAMFORD, THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS,
AND THE OFFICE OF THE CITY AND TOWN CLERK ON
RECEIVING THE DEMOCRACY CUP FROM
SECRETARY OF STATE DENISE MERRILL**

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Denise Merrill declared that during the 2020 national, state and local election “the people of Connecticut have made their voices heard, in spite of the obstacles caused by the pandemic;” and

WHEREAS, the Democracy Cup is awarded annually to the small, medium, and large town and city with the highest voter turnout on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the East Haddam Civic Association has co-sponsored the Democracy Cup with the Secretary of State’s Office since 2000 as a way to encourage voter participation in each year’s elections; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Denise Merrill awarded the Democracy Cup for the November 2020 election to the City of Stamford with a voter turnout of 79.68 percent; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Merrill also recognized Stamford as the city with the highest number of new registered voters, with 9,831 newly registered voters, and as the city with the highest number of absentee ballots received, with 23,557 absentee ballots received; and

WHEREAS, this achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of many of Stamford’s citizens, elected officials, volunteers and employees who faced an historic election during the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Registrars of Voters, Lucy Corelli and Ron Malloy, along with the City and Town Clerk, Lyda Ruijter, and their staffs are particularly thanked for their efforts all year toward this accomplishment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 30th Board of Representatives that it congratulates the City of Stamford, the Office of the Registrar of Voters, and the Office of the City and Town Clerk on receiving the prestigious Democracy Cup from Secretary of State Denise Merrill.

*Approved by the 30th Board of Representatives
this 8th day of September, 2021*

Matthew Quinones, President

Susan Nabel, Clerk