

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING SERGEANT ADRIANA MOLINA ON BEING
SELECTED STAMFORD'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2024**

WHEREAS, the Jewish War Veterans Fred Robbins Post 142 sponsors and runs the City of Stamford's Annual Citizen of the Year Program to honor "individuals who have truly made a difference in our community through their voluntary service and participation in civic life" and has selected Sergeant Adriana Molina as Stamford's Citizen of the Year for 2024, as "a champion for the homeless, a bridge builder and an ambassador to the Hispanic community, and a volunteer for too many charitable organizations and events to list;" and

WHEREAS, at the age of two, Adriana Molina emigrated with her parents and siblings from Colombia to Stamford, where she excelled as a student and graduated from Westhill High School, raised her three children, Marci, Danny, and Victoria, earned her degree from St Vincent's at Sacred Heart, becoming a licensed Registered Nurse in 2019, and is currently working toward her BSN; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Adriana Molina has been a member of the Stamford Police Department for over twenty years, starting as a 911 dispatcher, joining the force as an officer, and then rising to the rank of Sergeant through challenging assignments like Special Victims Investigation, and now runs the Police Department's Behavioral Health Unit, which consists of police officers and social workers and responds to calls for people undergoing mental health crises, and which, due to her initiative and dedication, has received over one million dollars in grant support; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Adriana Molina was selected as Citizen of the Year because she "has spent decades of her life making Stamford a safer and more welcoming place for everyone. An immigrant herself, she is a beloved ambassador to the City's immigrant community, working with churches and nonprofit organizations to break down barriers and increase understanding"; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Sergeant Adriana Molina was the Stamford Police Association's Officer of the Year and was named one of the Fifty Most Influential Latinos in Connecticut, receiving recognition from the Board of Representatives for the latter award; and her civic and charitable activities are too numerous to list completely: she has been an invaluable resource to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, the St. Joseph's Parenting Center, DOMUS, the Boys and Girls Club, Saint Mary of Stamford Parish, B1C and the Bethel A.M.E. Church, and has served as a CPR/defibrillator instructor with Stamford EMS, and as a mentor in the Girls Leadership Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 31st Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Sergeant Adriana Molina on being selected Stamford Citizen of the Year 2024.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Representatives sincerely thanks Sergeant Adriana Molina for her many years of dedication, service and contributions to the City of Stamford.

*Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives
This 6th day of May, 2024*

Jeff Curtis, President

Megan Cottrell, Clerk