

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A SISTER CITY  
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITIES OF MINTURNO AND STAMFORD**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minturno, Italy is joining the City of Stamford in a Sister City Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sister City Program was initiated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

**WHEREAS**, a delegation from the City of Minturno, Italy is visiting the City of Stamford during the week of November 17, 2008 to initiate a partnership in economic, educational, cultural and social opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minturno was built, destroyed and rebuilt many times throughout its history. In 314 B.C. it was destroyed by the Romans, then in 296 B.C. the Romans established a colony on its ruins. It was destroyed again by the Saracens in 883 A.D. and then held until 990 A.D. The site of the city was then moved from the coast to the hills for protection against other attacks. In 1552, Minturno was attacked by the Turks who set its castle on fire. Minturno was again destroyed in 1943/44 when it was part of the Gustav Line during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Minturno was reborn as a tourist and cultural center of 18,000 inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, Italians with origins in Minturno have settled in Stamford since the late 1800's; and

**WHEREAS**, an informal cultural, social and economic exchange is already in place between the residents of Stamford and Minturno.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes the partnership between the cities of Minturno and Stamford; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes and congratulates the City of Minturno, Italy and its Mayor Giuseppe Sardelli on its many achievements and perseverance.