

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING  
CHILE'S FIESTAS PATRIA**

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 2009, the people of Chile will commemorate the 199<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their independence, highlighting two special days during the celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 18, 1810, the first proclamation of the First Governing Body of Chile was issued, marking the beginning of the Chilean independence process that lasted until 1826; and

**WHEREAS**, September 19<sup>th</sup> is known as the "Day of the Glories of the Chilean Army," or Armed Forces Day; and the forces were instrumental to Chile's independence; and military, naval and uniformed police presentations celebrating military victories are held together with presentations by civic and cultural organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebrations surrounding Chile's independence take place over a week-long period, with schools and jobs closed and Chilean flags displayed at every public building in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Chile today enjoys a strong democracy and a vibrant economy; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the United States hosted a visit by Chile's President Bachelet and Chile welcomed Vice President Biden, reaffirming the strong relationship that our country enjoys with Chile; and

**WHEREAS**, Stamford has long been home to many people of Chilean origin, and has benefited from the educational, economic, cultural and other contributions that persons of Chilean origin have brought to it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Chile on its 199<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence; and

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford joins its fellow residents in the celebration of Chile's Fiesta Patrias.

*Approved by the 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2009*

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David R. Martin, President  
27th Board of Representatives

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk  
27th Board of Representatives