

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING STAMFORD'S 2009 COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**

WHEREAS, the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas in October of 1492 has been celebrated unofficially since the late 18th century and officially since the early 20th century in countries around the world, including The Bahamas, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela and many countries in Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the first recorded celebration of Columbus Day in the United States took place on October 12, 1792 in New York City, in recognition of the 300th anniversary of Columbus' landing in the New World; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has also been observed as a celebration of Italian-American heritage since October 12, 1866; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed October 12th as Columbus Day and a Federal holiday; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Congress declared the second Monday of October a national holiday in celebration of Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, Stamford has a long history of commemorating Columbus Day each year through its annual parade and Catholic mass held at Sacred Heart Church on Schuyler Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this year's Stamford Columbus Day Parade celebration will be led by Lee Rizzuto, the founder of Conair Corp, which is celebrating its 50th business anniversary in 2009.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 27TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that it extends its gratitude to those Stamford residents who organize Stamford's annual Columbus Day Parade; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE 27TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES that it congratulates Lee Rizzuto on being named Grand Marshal of the 2009 Stamford Columbus Day Parade.

Approved by the 27th Board of Representatives this 5th day of October, 2009

David R. Martin, President
27th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
27th Board of Representatives