

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING
THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE**

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1947, India, the world's largest democracy, achieved its independence from British rule and was born as a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, flag-hoisting ceremonies are conducted around the world to commemorate the establishment of India as an independent nation; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2009, GOPIO-CT, the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin-Connecticut Chapter, organized a celebration at Stamford's Government Center, including a hoisting of the Indian tricolor flag; and

WHEREAS, the late Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, called the Indian tricolor flag a symbol of India's freedom and a symbol of freedom for people around the world, adding that the three colors in the Indian flag are yellow, which stands for sacrifice and courage; white, which stands for purity, peace and truth; and green, which stands for faith and fertility; with the spoked wheel in the center representing the wheel of justice, the dynamism of change and the endless circle of life; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 1947, at the stroke of midnight, India's independence was born, preceded by Nehru's famous speech titled *Tryst with Destiny*, in which he said: "We end today a period of ill fortune, and India discovers herself again," and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford joins in celebrating India's 62nd Anniversary of its independence.

Approved by the 27th Board of Representatives this 8TH day of September, 2009

David R. Martin, President
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