

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING THE ITALIAN CENTER OF STAMFORD, INC.
ON ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY**

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. is the culmination of the merging of many Italian societies in Stamford that formed during a wave of Italian immigration between 1880 and 1924; and

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc., was originally known as the Italian Social Institute, and was first located on South Street and then moved to Gurnsey Street in 1921; and

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. was chartered by the State of Connecticut on September 21, 1933 with a mission to promote the history, culture, customs and laws of the U.S. to persons of Italian descent, to render necessary aid and other relief to the poor and needy, and to provide educational, recreational, athletic and social activities; and

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. constructed its current facilities on Newfield Avenue, with a dedication of the new building on October 12, 1970 by President Richard M. Nixon; and

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. has been a generous supporter of many of Stamford's social service agencies, including the Connecticut Food Bank, the Shelter for the Homeless, the New Covenant House, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross; and

Whereas, The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. has been a proud supporter of many Stamford youth athletic programs, including the Stamford Babe Ruth League and the Stamford Youth Football Foundation; and it has offered the use of its facilities to youth teams from California, Texas, Alabama and Washington as well as Sweden.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved that the 27th Board of Representatives congratulates The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. on its 100th Anniversary; and

Be it Further Resolved that the 27th Board of Representatives extends its gratitude to The Italian Center of Stamford, Inc. for its one hundred years of service to Stamford's residents.

Approved This 5th day of October, 2009

David R. Martin, President
27th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
27th Board of Representative