

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

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 the City of Lima, Peru is joining the City of Stamford in a Sister City Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Peruvian American Community Center of Connecticut has been a vital part of the Stamford community since 1991 and has worked with City of Stamford officials to establish this partnership in economic, educational, cultural and social opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Lima, named *The City of Kings* by Francisco Pizarro in 1535, became the most important city in the Spanish Viceroyalty of Peru. After the Peruvian War of Independence, Lima became the capital of the Republic of Peru and is now Peru's industrial and financial center and the home to many national and international banks, insurance companies and other corporations; and

WHEREAS, Lima is the home of a diverse population due to colonization, immigration and indigenous influences; in the early twentieth century thousands of immigrants came to the City from many countries, including France, Italy, Germany and Japan; and

WHEREAS, Lima is an important tourist center; is home to world-renowned museums, has many popular beaches, restaurants, clubs and hotels and a vibrant and active theater scene; and

WHEREAS, especially since the 1970's, Stamford has become the home to many Peruvians with origins in Lima; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes the partnership between the cities of Lima and Stamford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 27th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford recognizes and congratulates the City of Lima, Peru and its Mayor, Luis Castañeda Lossio on its many achievements.

Approved by the 27th Board of Representatives this 1st day of June, 2009

David R. Martin, President
27th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
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