

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

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2011, the people of Chile will commemorate the 201st 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 19th 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 March of 2011, President Obama visited Chile, underscoring the joint efforts of both countries in general areas of education, innovation and entrepreneurship and in specific areas such as astronomy and astro-engineering; 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 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Chile on its 201st anniversary of independence; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 28th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford joins its fellow residents in the celebration of Chile's Fiesta Patrias.

Approved by the 28th Board of Representatives this 3rd day of October, 2011

Randall M. Skigen, President
28th Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk
28th Board of Representatives