

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT NIVAKOFF  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AND  
THANKING HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff began his police career in New York in 1973, joined the Stamford Police Department in 1980, and rose through the ranks to the Detective Division (1988), Lieutenant (2001), District Commander, Assistant Chief of Police (2005) and Police Chief (2010); and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff, a graduate of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a Master's Degree from the University of New Haven, also graduated from the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development School, the Senior Management Institute for Police and the Harvard Kennedy School; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff is a member of the Legion of Honor, and is the recipient of 84 commendations for actions taken in the line of duty, multiple bravery awards and Stamford's prestigious Officer of the Year Award (1985); and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff revitalized the Police Department, creating an interactive community-based department that works with the FBI, DEA, ICE and Secret Service, Homeland Security and Joint Terrorist Task Forces; and has continued the Department's youth-centered focus while instituting a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team Peer Support Group, a 20-member SWAT team, a 10-member Hostage Negotiation Team and a K-9 unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff oversees a department currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation in its demographics, and he has accepted, on the Department's behalf, two prestigious awards from the U.S. Justice Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Chief Nivakoff has served Stamford as a dedicated and committed professional, has shown extraordinary concern and compassion for Stamford residents, especially its youth, and is widely respected by its residents as well as his fellow police officers and city personnel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 28th Board of Representatives congratulates Police Chief Robert Nivakoff on the occasion of his retirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives extends its gratitude to Police Chief Robert Nivakoff for his outstanding service to the residents of Stamford.

*Approved by the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2012*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk