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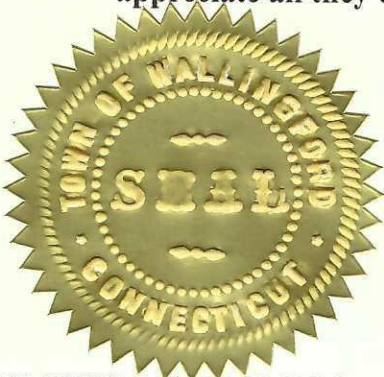
Vincent Cervoni  
Mayor

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## PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, the Trail of Terror began with an elaborate Halloween front yard display created by Wayne Barneschi, along with the help of his friends and family; and**
- Whereas, this display lead Barneschi to construct a bigger haunted house with the profits going to local charities; and**
- Whereas, the trail is constructed and staffed completely by volunteers, some of whom started participating with the Trail of Terror as young as 11 years old; and**
- Whereas, the group of over 300 volunteers describe themselves as a community and also as a family. They work together in teams such as concessions, ticketing, line staff, road warriors, makeup, costuming, lighting, animation, sound, supervisors and security; and**
- Whereas, the Trail of Terror consists of 160 volunteer characters and takes approximately 60 minutes to tour; and**
- Whereas, each year 70% of the Trail of Terror's design is changed by 20-25 devoted volunteers and improved upon; and**
- Whereas, each year, the Town of Wallingford benefits from this organization through the attraction of 17,000 out of town visitors as well as the Trail of Terror spending \$200,000 in supplies and services, and \$60,000 in expenditures on food, water and snacks for volunteers; and**
- Whereas, the Trail of Terror has donated approximately \$2.2 Million to many local charities such as the Meriden Humane Society, Holiday for Giving, Project Graduation, Coalition for a Better Wallingford, Make a Wish, and Chrysalis; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vincent Cervoni, Mayor, on behalf of the Town of Wallingford, extend our congratulations to the Trail of Terror as they celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> year in operation. We appreciate all they do for the community.**



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Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

**DATED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF October, 2024  
Wallingford, Connecticut**