



Vincent Cervoni  
Mayor

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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS, Kevin Saunders, son of the late Kathleen Rynne Saunders and Frederick William Saunders, grew up in Hamden as the youngest of seven children, proudly carrying forward his strong Irish heritage rooted in Boston, Massachusetts and Ennistymon, County Clare, Ireland, and holds dual citizenship with Ireland; and**

**WHEREAS, Kevin honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps beginning in 1990, completing his service in the Marine Corps Reserve as a Staff Sergeant in 2003; and**

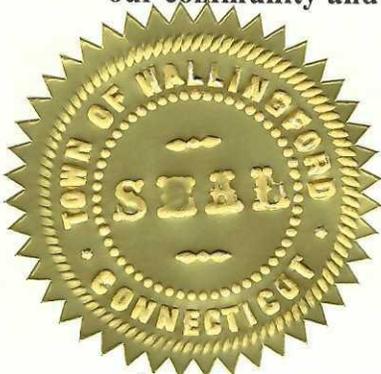
**WHEREAS, Kevin began his law enforcement career in 1995 with the Wallingford Police Department, serving as a Patrol Officer, SWAT member, Detective, and Patrol Sergeant, and later working with the Milford and Branford Police Departments. While working full-time, Kevin earned a Master of Science in Criminal Justice Management from the University of New Haven and previously a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Southern Connecticut State University; and**

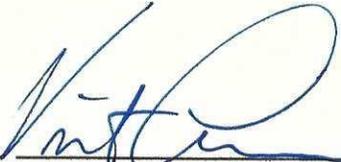
**WHEREAS, Kevin has served the State of Connecticut for over 18 years, beginning as a Special Agent with the Department of Revenue Services and later as the President of the Connecticut Police and Fire Union in 2021, representing approximately 900 public safety professionals. He honors his Irish heritage through his long-time involvement with the New Haven Police Emerald Society, serving as Sergeant at Arms and marching with the Color Guard in Saint Patrick's Day parades and Washington, D.C. Police Week; and**

**WHEREAS, Kevin and his wife, Attorney Dawn Pearson, married in 2000, reside in Northford, enjoy time in Jackman, Maine, travel often, and frequently visit family in Ireland; and**

**WHEREAS, he has been a dedicated member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for more than twelve years, serving on the House Committee, chairing Public Safety Night, and supporting Elks lodges nationwide.**

**WHEREAS, we are pleased that the Wallingford Elks Lodge #1365 is honoring Kevin Saunders as the recipient of the "Irish Person of the Year" Award. We thank him for his contributions to our community and wish him the best in all the years ahead. Congratulations!**



  
Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

DATED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026  
Wallingford, Connecticut