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PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, in 1646, early settlers planted a grand elm tree at the corner of Essex and Washington Streets in Boston, a tree that would later be known as the Liberty Tree; and
- Whereas, this elm became a gathering place for colonists who spoke out against British tyranny and helped lay the foundation for American independence; and
- Whereas, on August 14, 1765, the Loyal Nine and fellow Bostonians staged the first major protest against the Stamp Act beneath its branches, hanging effigies and rallying the community in defiance of unjust taxation; and
- Whereas, the Liberty Tree soon became the heart of resistance, a place known as Liberty Hall, where crowds met, raised flags, and organized demonstrations that helped spark the American Revolution; and
- Whereas, the tree stood as a powerful symbol of freedom—celebrated with lanterns when the Stamp Act was repealed, featured in political art, and honored by patriots including John Adams and Thomas Paine; and
- Whereas, because of its importance to the rebels, British forces cut down the Liberty Tree in 1775, seeking to silence the spirit of rebellion it inspired; and
- Whereas, its legacy endured, inspiring liberty trees across the colonies and becoming a lasting emblem of courage, unity, and the fight for natural rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of the Town of Wallingford do hereby proclaim
August 14, 2026 as:

Liberty Tree Day

in our community. We encourage all residents to recognize the significance and role of the "Liberty Tree" in the formation of our country's independence and to rededicate themselves to the principles of freedom under which our country has grown and prospered.



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DATED THIS 14th DAY OF August, 2026
Wallingford, Connecticut