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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chief William Celata has shown exceptional dedication, courage, and service to Wallingford over a distinguished 50-year career, beginning with the East Wallingford Volunteers on July 8, 1975; and

WHEREAS, he rose through the ranks with a promotion to Lieutenant in 1978, then Assistant Chief in 1989, and finally, Chief in 2004, all while earning recognition for professionalism and compassion; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 1978, Vern Hunter, owner of Hunter's Ambulance, commended Celata's heroic response in aiding a young boy struck by a vehicle in Meriden, who had suffered cardiac arrest due to traumatic injuries. Bill provided critical care at the scene and maintained life-saving treatment in the ambulance, enroute to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Chief Celata received the Meritorious Service Award in 1989 in recognition of actions that led to the saving of a life, the Outstanding Service Award in 1990 for his commitment to excellence, and was named Firefighter of the Year in 1995.

WHEREAS, Chief Celata has earned two Unit Citations: one for his role in the March 5, 2009 Regency House fire, recognized on January 27, 2010, the second for his courageous response to the July 23, 2019 Hill House fire, honored in August 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vincent Cervoni, Mayor of the Town of Wallingford do hereby proclaim
Saturday, July 19th as:

Chief William Celata Day

in our community. We commend Chief Celata for 50 years of exemplary service, tireless dedication and enduring contributions to the town.




Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

**DATED THIS 19th DAY OF JULY, 2025
Wallingford, Connecticut**