

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## TOWN OF WALLINGFORD CONNECTICUT

45 South Main Street Wallingford, CT 06492

## **PROCLAMATION**

Whereas,

Mary Anne Slain was born and raised in Haverstraw, New York, and attended Arizona State University. After receiving her Bachelor of Science in Special Education from ASU, she moved to Wallingford in 1985 where she has lived ever since; and

Whereas.

Mary Anne Slain later received her Master of Education in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University and was employed by the Wallingford YMCA in numerous roles for 26 years; and

Whereas,

She has worked with students with mental health and juvenile justice issues at the Solnit Childern's Center in Middletown, CT for the last 24 years; and

Whereas,

In April of this year, Mary Anne Slain will be starting her 17<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks Lodge #1365; and

Whereas,

Mary Anne has dedicated her time in Wallingford volunteering at the Wallingford Elks Lodge, the Wallingford Wishing Well, the Wallingford Community Women, the Greater New Haven Irish Club, the Women and Family Center, the Connecticut Special Olympics, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, and Camp Sunshine.; and

Whereas,

we are pleased that the Wallingford Elks Lodge #1365 is honoring Mary Anne Slain as the recipient of the 2024 "Irish Person of the Year" Award. We thank her for her many contributions to our community and wish her the best in all the years ahead. Congratulations!

Vincent Cervoni, Mayor

DATED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2024 Wallingford, Connecticut