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**RESOLUTION HONORING DAVID ALVES TWELVE TERM COUNCILLOR AT LARGE  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS  
OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**WHEREAS,** David Alves was first elected to public office in 1989, as a Councillor at Large in the City of New Bedford, and immediately became known as a dedicated public servant who gave generously of his time, going over and above of what was asked of him; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifelong resident of New Bedford, David Alves was educated in the New Bedford Public School System and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Southeastern Massachusetts University (now University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth) and received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Suffolk University in Boston; and

**WHEREAS,** David Alves has been married to his wife Vivian (Cassey) since 1971, and they are the parents of Scott and Jennifer and grandparents of Atley Isabella and Lily-Anne Marie; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor at Large David Alves has chaired several City Council Committees during his years in office, such as the Committees on Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Health, Housing and Disability Issues, Appointments and Briefings, Ordinances, Fisheries, Internal Affairs, Labor and Industry and the Special Committees on Soccer Fields, Gaming and Casinos, the Energy Resource Commission, Environmental Affairs and the Condominium Review Board, he has been a member of the Committees on Public Safety and Neighborhoods, Finance, City Property, the Special Committees on the Airport, Charter Revision Commission, Employment Opportunities, Memorials and Dedications; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor David Alves served as City Council President twice; elected in 2006, and after the sudden death of 2007 City Council President Leo R. Pimental, Councillor Alves stepped in to serve the remainder of what would have been Council President Pimental's term; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his responsibilities as an elected official, Councillor David Alves is recognized for his involvement with the many Feasts New Bedford is known for, Senhor Da Pedra, St. Michael's Feast, Irmandade Do Divino Espirito Santo Do Pico, and the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament, he is regularly invited to attend these events sponsored by the Portuguese community; and

**WHEREAS,** As a Vietnam Era Veteran, having served three years in the United States Army on Active Duty, Councillor David Alves has been involved with many Veteran's causes and initiatives over the years, he has been active in numerous local Veteran's organizations and was Junior Vice-Commander of the American-Portuguese War Veterans-Post One, American Legion-Post One, the Cape Verdean Veterans Post and the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #499, and has served on the Board of the Greater New Bedford Veterans Council, for more than a decade Councillor Alves has been Master of Ceremonies of the Memorial Day Parade and Veteran's Day Parade and activities; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor David Alves has a long involvement with neighborhood groups and community organizations, he has demonstrated his commitment to community service and has served on many local and State Boards, such as the Executive Director of the New Bedford Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Boys Scouts of America, the Salvation Army, Fiscal Officer for the Council on Aging, Treasurer of the New Bedford City Democratic Committee, he has served as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and as a member of the Boards of Moose Lodge, Senhor Da Pedra Club, Club Recordeous de Portugal and was one of the Founders of Coastline Elderly Services, the Regional Elderly Nutrition Program and the Summer Lunch Program, he was also a Founder of the local anti-poverty agency, PACE and many more; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor David Alves is also a successful Real Estate Broker, having been licensed since 1969, and is the owner of Realty Associates, in New Bedford's north end, he is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council and is a well known advocate for first time homebuyers receiving assistance in the purchase of a home through State and Federal funding, and for more than twenty years, Councillor Alves has also served his community as a Justice of the Peace; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor David Alves worked tirelessly for his constituents, serving the City well and after having run for Mayor in 1997, David Alves returned to the City Council as a strong supporter of elder, labor and Veterans issues, in addition to his many responsibilities as a City Councillor in providing constituent services, Councillor Alves was a leader in the effort to bring a casino to New Bedford; and

**WHEREAS,** Councillor David Alves has seen the City through many changes since first elected in 1989 and gave generously of his time to incoming Councillors and City leaders alike, sharing his knowledge of local Government and community affairs; his seasoned comprehension of Council matters will be missed; and

**WHEREAS,** After a distinguished, twenty-four year career in public service as a member of the New Bedford City Council, Councillor at Large David Alves announced his decision to retire from political life, leaving behind a legacy of dedicated public service, sound leadership abilities and integrity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the New Bedford City Council, in grateful appreciation, hereby honors their Friend and Colleague, **DAVID ALVES, TWELVE TERM COUNCILLOR AT LARGE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT 2006 AND 2007, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.**