

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## IN CITY COUNCIL

December 14, 2017

### **RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES D. OLIVEIRA, COUNCILLOR WARD ONE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEW BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, James D. Oliveira is married to his wife, Julie and they have a daughter Lilly; and

**WHEREAS**, James D. Oliveira served in the United States Navy performing active duty during the Vietnam (Era) in a P-3 Orion Sub Hunter Squadron (VP-8) and subsequently, in a Naval Reserve SEABEE Cold Weather Survival Battalion; and

**WHEREAS**, After his military service was completed, James D. Oliveira obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Management Service from Southeastern Massachusetts University (SMU) in Dartmouth; and

**WHEREAS**, After graduation, and over the next ten years, James D. Oliveira became Executive Director of the North End Business Association, Branch Officer for Shawmut Bank, Community Relations Advisor to Mayor John Bullard and served as the City's Economic Development Director gaining valuable experience and knowledge of how the workforce development system operated, by participating as an associate of the Private Industry Council, also serving as the Mayor's liaison to the Office for Job Partnership/JTEC; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1992, James D. Oliveira has focused his career on the development of creating workforce systems to help Department of Transitional Assistance clients find employment, working in Cities from Boston to Cape Cod, coordinating job placements on behalf of Cognosco and Lifestream, Inc., and is currently Executive Director/CEO for the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board; and

**WHEREAS**, James D. Oliveira was instrumental in crafting and administering the City's first gap lending loan fund to assist small business, he also coordinated the first Intermunicipal Agreement for the City of New Bedford with the Town of Dartmouth, that led to the development of Titleist Ball Plant II; and

**WHEREAS**, James D. Oliveira wanted to serve on the New Bedford City Council and in November 2011, was elected to represent the people of Ward One; and

**WHEREAS**, Serving three terms as the Representative for the North End of the City, Councillor James D. Oliveira became a voice for Veterans and a valued colleague who worked to improve the quality of life for those in his community; and

**WHEREAS**, Councillor Oliveira was a ten year member and former President of the Rotary Club of New Bedford and has served as Chairman of the New Bedford Airport Commission, in the past he has served on the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, South East Economic Development Corp. and was Treasurer of the Whaling City Festival for several years, and is also a graduate of the American Economic Development Council's Economic Development Institute and is a candidate for a designation as a Certified Workforce Development Professional; and

**WHEREAS**, Councillor James D. Oliveira currently serves as the Chairman of the Committees on City Property, Audit, Veterans Affairs, Elderly, Youth, Health and Housing and Disability Issues, the School Traffic Committee, the Special Committee on the Airport and the Special Committee on Budget Review, and is a member of the Committees on Ordinances, Appointments and Briefings, Finance, Labor and Industry, Public Safety and Neighborhoods, he has previously chaired the Special Committee on Employment Opportunities, was a member of the Committees on Fisheries, Labor and Industry, the Special Committee on Gaming/Casinos, Soccer Fields, School Finance Committee and the Feasibility of Creating a Dog Park;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors **JAMES D. OLIVEIRA, COUNCILLOR WARD ONE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE NEW BEDFORD CITY COUNCIL**, thanks him for his years of dedicated service to our City and its Citizens and expresses their best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council extends their warm and sincere best wishes to their Friend, **THE HONORABLE JAMES D. OLIVEIRA, COUNCILLOR WARD ONE**, as this Resolution is presented to him on the occasion of his last City Council Meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2017, wishing him continued success and pride in all that he has accomplished during his career in public service.