

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## IN CITY COUNCIL

November 01, 2018

### **RESOLUTION HONORING CECILIA FELIX PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Cecilia Felix, Principal of Holy Family Holy Name School, was born in New Bedford, the daughter of Joseph Felix a factory worker and Elsie Felix a homemaker, she attended Mt. Carmel Elementary School, Holy Family High School and the University of Massachusetts where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Portuguese Language and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and after completing her undergraduate studies, Ms. Felix received a Master of Arts Degree in Religious Education from Providence College, Ms. Felix is the sister of Anthony Felix and she resides in New Bedford with her extended family; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1977, Cecilia Felix started her career at Holy Family Holy Name School as a seventh grade teacher and was appointed Principal in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Through her generosity and in keeping with her faith, Cecilia Felix served as Director of Religious Education at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, she helped establish the North Street Central Neighborhood Group, and was instrumental in fundraising efforts toward the construction of the Mother Teresa Playground on North Street and in years past, Ms. Felix volunteered her services to a number of organizations including the New Bedford Free Public Library where she was a Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Cecilia Felix's leadership at Holy Family Holy Name School, in good spirit, thousands of lives have been touched through community outreach by advocating for children and helping families in need, and because of her knowledge and expertise, Ms. Felix's fellow school principals have sought her advice and counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the Diocese of Fall River, Cecilia Felix has been awarded the Marian Medal, and in celebration of her selfless service during her four-decade plus tenure at Holy Family Holy Name School as a teacher and Principal, Ms. Felix was honored as The Standard-Times 2017 SouthCoast Educator of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Cecilia Felix, a kind woman who is dedicated to serving people in need, has built a team of dedicated and hard working professionals at Holy Family Holy Name School to whom she leaves a legacy of charity and love of humankind, and through her leadership and training are ready to continue the good work that she has prepared them for during her tenure at Holy Family Holy Name School; and

**WHEREAS**, On July 01, 2018, after a distinguished forty-one year career at Holy Family Holy Name School, it is with great sadness, but with the utmost respect that her loving family, colleagues and fellow Holy Family Holy Name School colleagues will give Cecilia Felix their best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **CECILIA FELIX, PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL**, commends her for her exemplary career as a teacher and Principal, and thanks her for her commitment, dedication and passion in her role as **PRINCIPAL OF HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME SCHOOL**.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Bedford City Council extends our warm and sincere best wishes to **CECILIA FELIX**, for a long, happy and healthy retirement.