

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the following is a true and attested copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Norwich at a meeting held on February 17, 2026, and that the same has not been amended or rescinded:

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF SEEKING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NORWICH-OCCUM INDUSTRIAL CENTER ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (N-OAIP), TO IMPROVE THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 395 AND ROUTE 97, AND AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT OF LOCAL FUNDS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich seeks to improve the I-395/Route 97 interchange, which connects key transportation corridors, promotes economic development and wellbeing for its residents including disadvantaged neighborhoods, and creates infrastructure to better manage freight traffic, commuters and families, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed N-OAIP improvements include modification of the existing I-395 southbound ramps to connect directly to a new industrial access road to open up 184 acres for the development of a modern manufacturing complex, signalization of two intersections on Route 97 connecting with the reconfigured I-395 northbound and southbound access ramps, new sidewalks and a signalized pedestrian crossing along Route 97 and the addition of several new turn-only lanes would serve as a critical first step in creating safe and efficient access to the Occum Industrial Center, which will help to promote economic growth and job opportunities, and help revitalize and ameliorate freight traffic impacts on core impoverished neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation administers financial assistance for surface transportation purposes, through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich seeks financial assistance from the BUILD program for the proposed N-OAIP described above in the amount of **\$8,366,597.00** to be applied toward the planning and construction expenses of the project, which is estimated to cost **\$8,366,597.00** in total; and

WHEREAS, Norwich City Council finds that the N-OAIP significantly furthers the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Norwich and the community by improving vehicular safety while providing expanded capacity for the development of modern manufacturing, logistics and warehousing that will produce immediate economic opportunity for the City and its citizens, and firmly commits to the expenditure of local funds necessary to complete this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Manager John Salomone or his designee be and hereby is authorized to file an application with the U.S. Department of Transportation seeking grant funding in the amount of **\$8,366,597.00** from the Fiscal Year 2026 BUILD grant program to fund costs associated with the Norwich-Occum Industrial Center Access Improvement Project to upgrade the I-395/Route 97 interchange.

Dated at Norwich, Connecticut this 19th, day of February, 2026.

ATTEST: 
Roseanne Muscarella
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WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee is a local committee officially recognized by the Norwich City Council on September 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee, to commemorate Norwich's role in the events leading up to and during the American Revolution, and to serve as a lasting symbol of liberty, civic engagement and the community's enduring commitment to democratic ideals, proposes to install a Liberty Pole with plaque at the Norwichtown Green; and

WHEREAS, the Liberty Pole will be a wooden, utility-grade pole, designed to withstand the elements and intended as a permanent installation at the Norwichtown Green, meeting modern safety and durability standards; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Public Utilities has agreed to donate the wooden pole to America's 250th Norwich CT Committee; and

WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee is requesting in-kind support from the City of Norwich, Department of Public Works in placing and securing the pole; and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Historical Society will assume full responsibility for routine maintenance, inspections, and associated costs for the Liberty Pole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that it approves the installation of the Liberty Pole with plaque as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that City Manager John Salomone, with the assistance of Brian Long, Director of Public Works and staff of the Public Works Department and other departments as may be necessary, shall oversee the installation of the Liberty Pole and plaque, the Liberty Pole to be placed at the Norwichtown Green.

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WHEREAS, the Liberty Tree will be a Princeton Elm, a disease-resistant cultivar of the American Elm selected to reflect the historic species traditionally associated with Liberty Trees; and

WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee proposes to install a plaque on the Liberty Tree to honor the sailors and shipwrights of the USS Confederacy, a Revolutionary War naval vessel constructed in Norwich and launched in 1778; and

WHEREAS, the plaque, will be made from granite with dimensions of 14 x 12 x 1.5 and affixed to a concrete block using a heavy-duty exterior construction adhesive, with the concrete block being buried below grade and the plaque visible at ground level will bear the following inscription:

LIBERTY TREE
RECOGNIZING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
1776-2026
CONNECTICUT SOCIETY SAR & AMERICA'S 250TH NORWICH CT COMMITTEE
SAILORS AND SHIPWRIGHTS OF THE USS CONFEDERACY
(SHIP LAUNCHED 1778, CAPTURED 1781)

; and

WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee is requesting in-kind support from the City of Norwich, Department of Public Works in the excavation and planting of the Liberty Tree, as well as site preparation, excavation and footing installation of the plaque; and

WHEREAS, America's 250th Norwich CT Committee is requesting that the routine care of the Liberty Tree be incorporated into the City of Norwich's existing municipal tree maintenance program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that it approves the planting of the Liberty Tree with plaque as described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, that City Manager John Salomone, with the assistance of Brian Long, Director of Public Works and staff of the Public Works Department and other departments as may be necessary, shall oversee planting of the Liberty Tree and installation of the plaque to be planted at Howard T. Brown Park.

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COLONEL JOHN DURKEE
"CONNECTICUT'S BOLD MAN FROM BEAN HILL"
(DECEMBER 11, 1728-May 29, 1782)

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