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**COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL**

**City of Hartford, February 24, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford has been a regional leader in implementing changes which have steered various communities towards prosperity for over a century. Evidence of Hartford's innovative spirit can be found in the day to day life of successful people, all deriving from diverse beginnings and unique cultures throughout our state. We hereby extend to the administration, in further collaboration with The Board of Education and other vested partners, in pronouncing The City of Hartford as a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) City; and

**WHEREAS**, While many states often attribute equity and diversity as playing a crucial role in their success, Hartford Connecticut has served as a leading entity in fostering a diverse environment. Hartford often Furnishes surrounding towns with the diversity necessary to build healthy communities. Neighboring towns such as Bloomfield and Windsor have already taken a stance to invest in their diverse communities. Therefore, it is imperative to execute vital programs which immediately impact our children's future for economic sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, These characteristics have placed an obligated burden on our Capital City, in a manner that requires shared sacrifices through bold explorations and a must do attitude to shape the future of our children and to ensure we are poised to prepare them for the globally competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut has always been a state whose influence is felt around the region, hosting some of the finest educational institutions in this great country. Furthermore, its Capital has always been an influential city, with a scaled relativity to any major city as it pertains to culture and diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, It is at this juncture we urge the administration, in collaboration with City Council, The Board of Education and other vested entities to make this bold move of investing in the future of our children and STEAM programs across the city. This presents a rare opportunity for the positioning of our youths; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford City Council, in collaboration with The Mayor's Office and Hartford Public Schools Board of Education, declare The City of Hartford a STEAM city. Investing our efforts in the STEAM programs for a collaborative impact in this globally competitive 21<sup>st</sup> century, to develop the necessary skill sets needed for our greatest investment, our children and their survival; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Hartford City Council in collaboration with The Mayor's Office, The Board of Education and other vested national and community-based organizations, takes this vital role of ensuring all reasonable efforts to ensure these endeavors are pursued and exhausted for the greater good of the City of Hartford and this region.