

Proclamation to

Wayne G. Duff

90 years on July 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Wayne Gardner Duff, or Duffy as he is fondly called, was born on the 30th day of July in the year 1934, the only child of Dorothea and Robert Duff; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 10, Duffy and his mother survived of one of the worst fire disasters in United States history: the Hartford circus fire of July 6, 1944. As fortune has it, his mother Dorothea upgraded their seats moving them closer to the rail which resulted in their swift exit of the circus tent; and

WHEREAS, at age 14 he became the mascot of the Portland Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD) which led to a lifetime volunteer membership. To this day he remains an Honorary member of the PVFD; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong Portland resident, Duffy married his love, Marie Peterson, in 1956, raised two daughters, Tami and Cheryl, and together have four grandchildren, and five great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 35 years Duffy drove for the Suzio Companies before his first retirement at age 62. However, not one to rest on his laurels, he then began his second career driving for Logano Transportation/Waste Management, Inc. and Red Technologies before being forced into a second retirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 at age 86; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time Duffy enjoys socializing around town and is NASCAR race car driver Joey Logano's biggest fan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, do hereby applaud Wayne G. Duff for a life lived well, wishing him the happiest 90th birthday celebration and do hereby proclaim July 30, 2024 as **Duffy Day** in the Town of Portland!

Acknowledged on the 27th day of July in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

By,

Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman
Town of Portland, Connecticut

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