

# TOWN *of* MIDDLEFIELD, CONNECTICUT



## PROCLAMATION

***Be it known that the Citizens of Middlefield and Rockfall  
hereby recognize and applaud***

### **James Irish**

**Whereas**, the Town of Middlefield recognizes the enduring contributions and legacy of those who serve our community in elected positions; dedicating their time, energy, and expertise with devotion to our town; and

**Whereas, Jim** was elected to the Board of Finance for three, four-year terms from 2011 through 2023. Having served four years as Chair, he initiated policies establishing consistent targets for emergency and contingency funds, played a vital role in developing a 'Balanced Capital Budgeting Process' utilized for the town's 20-year capital plan; and

**Whereas, Jim** served two terms on the Board of Selectmen from 2021 through 2025 during which, Jim was a lead player in Middlefield's Future, giving residents a voice on how they want their town to evolve, and procured interactive video streaming capability for Board and Commission Meetings to enhance accessibility and transparency; and

**Whereas, Jim** authored a \$2.2 million grant for the Emergency Management Facility, obtained grants of \$172,000 for the Community Multi-use Trail and \$15,000 for the senior kitchen; and

**Whereas, Jim** is a contributing member of the Beseck Lake Environmental Committee, Firefighter Supplement Benefits Committee, Lower CT River Land Trust, Estuary Transit District, RiverCog Affordable Housing Committee, and as a liaison to the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments and Middlefield Community Service Council, Board of Education's Finance and the Pension Committee; and

**Whereas, Jim's** legacy leaves a long and lasting impact in our Town Government;


**Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed** that the Middlefield Board of Selectmen hereby declares

**November 16, 2025, as Elected Official Service Recognition Day** and honors and recognizes

### **James Irish**

among those elected officials whose efforts strengthen the foundations of democracy, foster civic engagement, and inspire future generations to participate in the democratic process.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Middlefield to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

  
**Robert C. Yamartino**  
First Selectman

