

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 16th day of
November, 2025.

Robert C. Yamartino
First Selectman

