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City of Danbury City Council

January 24, 2014

Joseph Cavo, President
Danbury City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear President Cavo and City Council Members:

Danbury was once "The Hat Capital of the World" and it was the hatting and fur industry that brought many of our ancestors to work and live here. For the better part of two centuries Danbury hats truly "crowned them all." While the hatting industry has faded from the forefront of daily life it has left us with a rich historic legacy.

In light of that legacy and, as people who wear traditional hats, we propose that the City Council and Mayor honor Danbury's hatting past by establishing an annual Hat City Danbury Day to be celebrated annually on the first Tuesday of June beginning this year. In addition to encouraging residents to wear traditional hats the day's events should include historic programs/lectures and culminate with a brief program at the City Council meeting that day.

We hope you agree that establishing a Hat City Danbury Day is a great way to celebrate Danbury's hatting history and adopt the attached resolution.

We look forward to working with you all on this endeavor and are available to respond to any questions you may have.

Truly,

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RESOLUTION

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CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury has a long and storied tradition and history as The Hat Capital of the World, once one of the greatest centers of the hatting industry in the world; and

WHEREAS, this legacy of "Hat City" Danbury having "crowned them all" lives on in the memories and history of this great City and its residents past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Danbury City Council would like to recognize this famous tradition by establishing an annual "**Hat City Danbury Day**" to be held the first Tuesday each June.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Mark D. Boughton and the Danbury City Council does hereby and formally designate the first Tuesday of each June as "**Hat City Danbury Day**" as a day of recognition and celebration for the great history and tradition of hatting in the City of Danbury.