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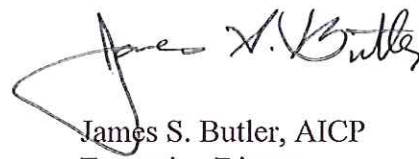
Dear Captain Pulver:

SUBJECT: SCCOG Resolution in Support of Location of National Coast Guard Museum

At their meeting on June 23rd, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), representing 22 municipalities in the region, voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 16-3, Regarding the Location of the National Coast Guard Museum in New London. This resolution clearly states that the chief elected officials in southeastern Connecticut support the downtown New London site selected by the United States Coast Guard for the location of its National Coast Guard Museum. A copy of the resolution is attached.

SCCOG is pleased to offer this statement of its support. Feel free to contact me if there is anything else the SCCOG can do to assist you in your mission to bring the National Coast Guard Museum to New London.

Sincerely,



James S. Butler, AICP
Executive Director

Attachment

Cc: Mayor Michael Passero, City of New London
Robert Ross, CT Office of Military Affairs ✓

Member Municipalities: Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * Borough of Jewett City * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Lebanon * Ledyard * Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington * Stonington Borough * Waterford * Windham

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-3 REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE NATIONAL COAST GUARD MUSEUM IN NEW LONDON

WHEREAS, for more than 225 years the United States Coast Guard has maintained an active presence in southeastern Connecticut enhancing the economic, historic, and educational resources of this region; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of southeastern Connecticut and the United States Coast Guard are united in their efforts to create a world-class museum to recognize the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the United States Coast Guard selected and was gifted a city-owned parcel in New London as the site of the future National Coast Guard Museum; and

WHEREAS, that site, at the north end of the Waterfront Park, along the Thames River, adjacent to the City Pier and Promenade, just east of historic Union Station, is optimally located in the heart of the main commercial district in downtown New London; and

WHEREAS, the selected site will allow for maximum visitation of this national resource, will result in the greatest positive economic impact to the city's and region's economy, and is well-suited for the location of a museum dedicated to the men and women of the branch of service which keeps our coastal waters safe and our maritime economy thriving; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has committed up to \$20 Million to construct a pedestrian bridge over Water Street and the existing railroad tracks to the National Coast Guard Museum, which will result in additional public safety enhancements to this important regional transportation hub and allow safe, convenient, and ADA compliant, public access to the waterfront; and

WHEREAS, Cross Sound Ferry and its affiliates, a cornerstone of the City's Intermodal Transportation Center, transport over a million passengers annually, all of whom are potential visitors to the National Coast Guard Museum; and

WHEREAS, Cross Sound Ferry will construct a future new passenger terminal adjacent to the National Museum for the Coast Guard, a facility designed to provide safe and comfortable waiting areas and other travel amenities for passengers using high-speed ferry services to various destinations from New London; and

WHEREAS, a new owner of the historic train station has purchased the iconic building and has begun a comprehensive restoration and renovation project in anticipation of the National Coast Guard Museum at the downtown location; and

WHEREAS, the National Coast Guard Museum is envisioned to be the centerpiece of several history and heritage sites of the Coast Guard clustered in Connecticut's southeast region and is to be most optimally placed in the center of the city; and,

WHEREAS, the City Pier affords the best deep water access for America's Tall Ship, the Coast Guard Barque EAGLE, and for visiting Coast Guard vessels and waterborne exhibits to enrich the visitor experience at the National Coast Guard Museum, and a landing site for a water taxi to connect history and heritage sites on both banks of the Thames River; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities of southeastern Connecticut recognize that the construction of the National Coast Guard Museum at the site will serve as an economic engine for the entire region; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments hereby expresses its support for the location of the proposed National Coast Guard Museum at the site selected by the United States Coast Guard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments urges the involved City, State, and Federal permitting agencies to recognize the importance of the location of the proposed National Coast Guard Museum at the site selected by the United States Coast Guard during their review and deliberations of applications for required permits and approvals.


CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments on 23 July 2016.

Date:

6-24-16

By:


Debercy Hinchey, Secretary