

Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** On October 23, 2022, the Magyar Studies of America will commemorate the anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian Freedom Fight; and
- WHEREAS:** The people of Hungary have contributed many chapters to the history of the struggle for liberty, but never more nobly than in 1956. On October 23 of that year, Hungarians, including young people, bravely rose up in revolt against communist dictatorship and Soviet occupation; and
- WHEREAS:** The freedom fighters, as they were called by a world inspired and amazed at their heroism and idealism, fought almost barehanded against extreme odds, and soon fell victim to treachery and ruthless suppression. But, they lit a candle of hope and inspiration that could never be extinguished; and
- WHEREAS:** The Hungarian Freedom Fight was a true revolution of, by, and for the People. Its motivations were humanity's universal longings to live, worship, and work in peace and to determine one's own destiny. The Hungarian Revolution conveyed to the world that brave hearts still exist to challenge injustice; and
- WHEREAS:** The Hungarian freedom fighters of 1956 perished or suffered exile, but their Sacrifice lives on in the memory of the Hungarian people. Their example lives on as well, in brave people fighting for freedom and justice around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** As we continue to honor the Hungarian freedom fighters of 1956 with renewed dedication to our own freedom and with continued assistance for those who follow in their footsteps today, the Town of Fairfield reinforces its strong support for all Hungarians and stands united with our local Hungarians who place a wreath around the memorial plaque at Independence Hall annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2022 as

NATIONAL HUNGARIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS DAY

in the Town of Fairfield in memory of the Hungarian heroes of 1956, to honor those who still struggle and to encourage citizens to reaffirm their dedication to the international principles of justice and freedom which unite and inspire us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Fairfield to hereby be affixed this 23rd day of October, 2022.

**BRENDA L. KUPCHICK
FIRST SELECTWOMAN**