

**A PROCLAMATION REGARDING
KENNETH OPPEDISANO’S YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
BRIDGEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, Ken Oppedisano was taking his nearly 100-year-old family business to new heights of profitability and stability; and

WHEREAS, at this time Ken sought to increase his civic involvement, so that he might give back even more than in the past to the communities and region that had meant so much to him and his family; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Ken volunteered to be, and was subsequently nominated and elected to serve on the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, within a few short years, Ken ascended to the Chairmanship of the BEDCO Board, a role he ably held for approximately a decade, the longest such Officer tenure in the Corporation’s history; and

WHEREAS, Ken’s business acumen, can-do spirit, and unflagging endurance enabled him to lead responsibly and garner broad support in a period of great challenges and uncertainty, ultimately poising BEDCO for the private-sector-initiated revitalization started in 2014-5 that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, under Ken’s Chairmanship, BEDCO re-emerged as an organization with renewed local importance, and simply, a future; and

WHEREAS, Ken’s advice will be valuable to BEDCO from time to time for as long as the Corporation exists, and his unique place in BEDCO’s history merits a unique permanent status:

THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, that Kenneth Oppedisano is a permanent “Director Emeritus” of the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation.

Proclaimed at the Annual Meeting of the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation on December 18, 2018.

David Levine, Chairman

Ezequiel Santiago, Vice Chairman

Paul Timpanelli, Treasurer

Edward Lavernoch, President and Secretary