

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cornish has distinguished herself by earning her B.A. from the University of Southern Connecticut, earning her M.A. from Central Connecticut State University, doing advance graduate study at the University of Connecticut, and earning her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cornish has over thirty-six years in education starting in 1963 as a teacher, a Department Chairman, and as an Assistant Principal in Connecticut schools; as an Assistant Superintendent and a Superintendent of Schools in Massachusetts schools; and as an adjunct faculty member of Boston University's School of Education from 2000 to 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cornish has served on numerous boards and foundations and is a member of the Stratford Rotary Club and Board of Directors of Beardsley Zoo, as well as several professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cornish has received the Link's Diamond Award from the Milford Chapter of Links in 2006, was placed on the Town of Stratford's first Wall of Honor in 2008, was a member of the Connecticut Department of Education's delegation to Shandong province in China in May 2008, received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Delta Phi Chapter in January 2009, and in December 2009 received the Connecticut Yankee Council Learning for Life Good Citizen Award; and

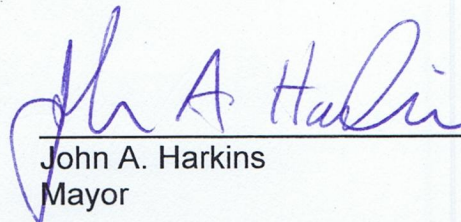
**WHEREAS**, Dr. Cornish has invested a major portion of her life in working with and advocating for children and young people, and has given tirelessly of her time and talents to further the education of all the students whose lives she touched, particularly as Stratford Superintendent of Schools from February of 2004 until now;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE HONORABLE JOHN A. HARKINS**, Mayor of Stratford, do call upon its citizens, the Stratford Public Schools, and all of her peers to join me in recognizing and honoring **MRS. IRENE CORNISH, J.D.**, one of five recipients of

**THE JESSIE BANKS FOUNDATION'S 2010 HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Town of Stratford this November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



  
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John A. Harkins  
Mayor