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CITY OF NEW BRITAIN CELEBRATES 12th ANNUAL WALK AND ROLL

NEW BRITAIN—Mayor Erin E. Stewart is excited to announce that the City's Commission on Persons with Disabilities will host its **12th Annual Abilities/Disabilities Walk & Roll**, which raises awareness of the abilities of persons with disabilities, and celebrates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1980, signed into law by former President George W. Bush on July 26, 1990, which is now celebrating its 29^h anniversary. The event will be held at the Darius Miller Memorial Band Shell at Walnut Hill Park, New Britain, Connecticut on Wednesday, July 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The event begins with a one mile/walk around beautiful Walnut Hill Park which was created to include persons of various ability levels. All participants registered will receive a free tee shirt with the "Walk & Roll Ability" logo. Refreshments, raffles prizes and a variety of entertainment will be provided for all in attendance.

Throughout the event, there will be an informational fair with over 40 various advocacy agencies and organizations, disability related service providers, and commercial vendors sharing information on services and products for persons with disabilities including Advanced Wheels; Advocacy Unlimited, Inc.; Autism Support and Resources Services-DSS; Beautiful Lives Project, Inc.; Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; Cap Tel Outreach; Capital Workforce Partners/American Job Center; Central C.A.R.E.S.; ClearCaptions; Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities; Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.; Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center; CT Tech Act Project; CW Resources; DISABILITY RIGHTS CONNECTICUT; Down Syndrome Association of Connecticut; Epilepsy Foundation of CT; FAVOR, Inc.; Fidelco Guide dog Foundation; Good Cause Gifts; Greater Hartford Transit District; Hartford Healthcare Cancer Institute/Hospital of Central Connecticut; Hartford Courant; Healing Hoofbeats of CT, Inc.; Hospital for Special Care; Independence Unlimited; Juniper Homecare; Klingberg Family Centers; National Federation of the Blind of CT; New Britain Fire Department; New Britain Health Department; New Horizons Village; Office of the Healthcare Advocate; People's United Bank; Planning Across the Spectrum; Relay Connecticut; Root Center for Advanced Recovery; Special Olympics Connecticut; State of CT Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; State of CT -Department of Developmental Services - DDS; The Kennedy Center Inc., - Travel Training Services; The Next Street- Driver Rehab Services; Town & Country Transportation Co.; UCONN K.I.D.S. (Kids in Developmental Science); Way to Go and Wheeler.

State Senator Gennaro Bizzarro will present an "Official Proclamation" stating the City's commitment to its citizens with disabilities, that they are provided equal access to opportunities, programs, services and activities, living quality lives every day in New Britain.

The celebration will take place in conjunction with New Britain Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series featuring a free performance by "Timmy Maia Experience" from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Those wishing to join the event should arrive at the starting point behind the Darius Miller Shell between 5:00 -5:15 p.m. There is no cost for this event, and one does not need to have disability to participate. For more information, contact June O'Leary at (860)826-3368.

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