

**CITY COUNCIL CELEBRATION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
7:00 P.M. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 214
CITY HALL, 133 WILLIAM STREET, NEW BEDFORD, MA

**OPENING OF SESSION BY: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDA M. MORAD

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. COMMUNICATION, Council President Morad, to City/Clerk of the City Council Dennis W. Farias, calling a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL for THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL, for the celebration and awarding of official City Council Citations and Resolutions.
2. CITATION, Councillor Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring ANNA PARKER, in recognition of the beautiful evergreen tree that she graciously donated to be dedicated as the 2018 official City Christmas Tree.
3. CITATION, Councillors Carney, Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring KEN RESENDES and JOY TRUDEAU a/k/a Mr. and Mrs. Claus, in recognition of their continued commitment to the City of New Bedford's neighborhoods and for dedicating their time each Christmas to bring smiles and joy to so many children throughout the City.
4. CITATION, Councillor Giesta, honoring JOE and MARIA FONTES, FONTES HOME IMPROVEMENTS, LLC, in recognition of being a New Bedford Business for 25 years.
5. CITATIONS, Councillor Abreu, honoring MR. KEVIN AGRELLA and MR. IVAN BRODY, New Bedford Emergency Medical Services, in recognition of their life-saving measures in delivering a healthy baby girl in the back of their ambulance, en route to the hospital on Thursday, January 10, 2019.
6. CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring DISTRICT CHIEF ROBERT FREITAS, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 39 Years of Service.
7. CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring CAPTAIN RICHARD SHEA, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 38 Years of Service.
8. CITATION, Councillor Gomes, honoring FIREFIGHTER GARY VARGAS, New Bedford Fire Department in recognition of his distinguished career and his Dedication and Commitment to the Citizens of New Bedford after 23 Years of Service.
9. RESOLUTION, Council President Morad, honoring VICTORIA KALISZ, Miss New Bedford Outstanding Teen – 2018.

TABLED BUSINESS

CITATION, Councillors, Lima, Gomes and Council President Morad, honoring the KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER, in recognition of their Special Education School Open House that was held on May 11, 2018. (TABLED - November 15, 2018.)

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CITATION, Councillor Rebeiro, honoring BRIAN RUDOLPH, Head Coach, in recognition of his dedication and leadership to the New Bedford High School Varsity Basketball Team and infusing the “Change the Culture” spirit to the school. (TABLED – May 17, 2018.)

CITATION, Councillor Gomes, Council President Morad, Councillors Lopes, Coelho, Carney and Giesta, honoring JAMES G. DEMELLO, in recognition of his being selected as the Prince Henry Society Man of the Year – 2018. (TABLED – November 15, 2018.)

RESOLUTION, Councillor Carney, honoring CHRISTOPHER AZEVEDO, US Army SPC, in recognition of his being named SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS VETERAN OF THE YEAR – 2018, by the Veterans Transition House and for his committed service to his fellow Veterans. (TABLED - November 15, 2018.)

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