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### **MEDIA ADVISORY: Mayor Leclerc to Present Check to Old State House for Kid Governor's Office**

Donation to fund an office and civics education program for Kid Governor Program

**WHAT: Check Presentation to Establish an Office for the Kid Governor at the Old State House**

**WHERE: Connecticut's Old State House, 800 Main Street, Hartford, CT**

**WHEN: 3:30PM, Tuesday May 24, 2016**

**WHO: Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc, CT Old State House Exec. Director Sally Whipple, Kid Governor Elena Tipton.**

#### **RELEASE:**

(May 20, 2016) **East Hartford, CT** – Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc will present a donation of \$6,000 to Connecticut's Old State House to fund the construction of an office for Connecticut's Kid Governor and a Civics Action Lab to help teach kids about government and civic involvement in their community. The Old State House is one of 11 non-profit organizations that will benefit from the 2016 Mayor's Charity Ball. Connecticut's First Kid Governor, Elena Tipton, is an East Hartford resident and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Dr. Thomas O'Connell School.

"I am honored to be able to make this donation to help fund a great program that is teaching youth about government and civic involvement," said Mayor Leclerc. "I want to thank East Hartford's teachers, staff, and administrators for building and fostering a supportive environment for all students' educational and emotional development. I am very proud that Elena is Connecticut's first ever Kid Governor. Not only has she inspired and engaged countless students around the state to become involved in their communities through her public campaign for kindness, but she has made a significant impact on the lives of her peers. It gives me great pride to help Connecticut's Old State House support this program and ensure other youth have an opportunity to participate in campaigns for future Kid Governors."

"Connecticut's Old State House is grateful to Mayor Marcia Leclerc and the supporters of her Charity Ball for the generous donation towards our Connecticut's Kid Governor Office and Civics Action Lab in the historic Governor's Office," said Connecticut's Old State House Executive Director Sally Whipple. "In our time working with Kid Governor Elena, we've witnessed the passion of East Hartford's leaders and the incredible way in which they embrace and foster civic

engagement among young people. In a similar way, the Office and Civics Action Lab will encourage Old State House visitors of all ages to consider how they can contribute to their own communities. Through this contribution, East Hartford's spirit for building a strong community will inspire countless others who visit the space."

Connecticut's Kid Governor is a statewide civics program created by Connecticut's Old State House. To learn more about Connecticut's Kid Governor, both the program and Elena Tipton, visit [CT.KidGovernor.org](http://CT.KidGovernor.org) or follow the program on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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