

## **City of New Haven**

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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF THOMPSON STREET AND NEWHALL STREET AS "MRS. PEARLIE M. NAPOLEON WAY" IN PERPETUITY, FOR HER LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE NEWHALLVILLE COMMUNITY AND CITY WIDE.

WHEREAS: Mrs. Pearlie M. Napoleon, affectionately known as "Tootie," was born in Hemingway, South Carolina on May 29, 1934. She and her husband, Harris Napoleon, later moved to New Haven, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Pearlie was admired by many for her passion, love, and genuine care for the community and she dedicated herself to helping in any capacity; and

WHEREAS: she was a dedicated member, and faithful parishioner of Mount Hope Temple church for over 50 years, serving on the usher board, and later becoming a deaconess; and

WHEREAS: while raising her eight children, Ms. Pearlie was committed and determined to continue her education, earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a master's from the University of Bridgeport; and

WHEREAS: she began her legendary teaching career in the New Haven public school system for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS: Ms. Pearlie loved her students, she nurtured, loved, and cared for her students and their families as if they were their own, and built relationships with her students outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS: furthering her desire to do more for her community, Ms. Pearlie was a block watch member, mental health worker at the Newhallville Mental Health Center; and

WHEREAS: she was the founder of Umoja Outreach program to assist youth with youth development, treating every child as her own; and

WHEREAS: over the years, Ms. Pearlie left lasting impressions on everyone, exemplified the true definition of unconditional love, was always willing to give food to those who were in need and give money to those who were without; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that in honor Mrs. Parlie M. Napoleon Way for her love, commitment, great contributions, and service to people in the

Newhallville Community and city-wide, the corner of Thompson Street and Newhall Street as "Mrs. Pearlie M. Napoleon Way" in perpetuity, making her legacy in New Haven stand as an official and permanent reminder of integrity, love, generosity, and dignity.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Department of Transportation, Traffic and Parking is hereby directed and authorized to implement this Order.

BE IT ALSO FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order is hereby forwarded to the City/Town Clerk.

This Order was Passed by the Board of Alders on 11/20/2023.

Attest, City Clerk

Signed, City Clerk

Signed, Mayor

Date 11/4/023

Date 12/4/2023

Date 12/12/2023