

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF EAST STREET AND HUMPHREY STREET “RAYMOND C. WALLACE, JR. WAY” IN PERPETUITY FOR HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF KINDNESS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESIDENTS IN THE FAIR HAVEN/MILL RIVER NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEREAS: Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. was a New Haven native for over fifty (50) years; and

WHEREAS: while incarcerated he received his CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) license, and G.E.D. (General Education Diploma); and

WHEREAS: he realized his supportive family was something fellow inmates often did not have; and,

WHEREAS: this realization of a grounding and support system that others in the community were in need of was the beginning of his one man philanthropic, behind the scenes campaign to do good; and

WHEREAS: giving out of his own pocket, with a sense of decency and drive, with little concern for getting credit; and

WHEREAS: he turned his life around; and

WHEREAS: in 2004 with his mother founded the nonprofit “Guns Down Books Up” organization; and

WHEREAS: after working in the New Haven School system for many years; and

WHEREAS: in 2018 formed the Young Kings Brotherhood and Mentoring Program, preparing young men for a successful future; and

WHEREAS: devoted to helping the community hosted back to school events, supplying necessities, donating books, basketball tournaments, street cleanups, food distributions for the homeless; and

WHEREAS: assisting the elderly with landscaping work, participation at the Bella Vista Center during holidays; and

WHEREAS: he received many awards and accolades for his services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDERED BY the New Haven Board of Alders that in memory of Raymond C. Wallace, Jr., the corner of East Street and Humphrey Street be designated as “Raymond C. Wallace, Jr. Way” as an official and permanent reminder.

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