

ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS DESIGNATING THE CORNER OF ARGYLE STREET AND DIXWELL AVENUE AS “JAMES WALKER WAY” IN PERPETUITY, FOR HIS LOVE, COMMITMENT, GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN THE DIXWELL NEIGHBORHOOD.

WHEREAS: Mr. James Walker, a beacon of inspiration to residents in the community, has dedicated himself to helping and giving in any capacity to his community; and

WHEREAS: for over 20 years, his unwavering dedication as a community social worker, his development of the I Believe in Me Corporation (BIMEC) on the corner of Dixwell Avenue and Argyle Street, to fulfill his mission to change the life of the neighborhood by reaching one neighbor at a time; and his leadership; and

WHEREAS: under his leadership, Mr. Walker has been a cornerstone of the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhoods, engaged in yearly community beautification projects, provides community service through a food pantry, and oversees neighborhood surveillance to keep our community safe., and

WHEREAS: during the COVID-19 pandemic, he provided supportive projects and residential programs for men and women in need of housing., and

WHEREAS: over the years, Mr. Walker has continued to provide programs and services to empower the Dixwell/Newhallville neighborhood families through education, training, and cultural awareness, despite limited state or local funding, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDERED by the New Haven Board of Alders that in honor of his many contributions and excellent services to the Dixwell neighborhood and citywide, the corner of Argyle Street and Dixwell Avenue is designated as “James Walker Way” in perpetuity, making his 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 EVEN FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order is hereby forwarded to the City/Town Clerk.