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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR AN ONGOING JUNIOR CADET FUND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ACTUAL ITEMS AND FUNDS TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, ACTIVITY REGISTRATIONS, AND OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS TO SUPPLEMENT THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH OUTREACH BUDGET.

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of New Haven through its Department of Police Service (NHPD) to provide opportunities for youth to learn about careers in law enforcement while assisting with tasks related to community service; and,

WHEREAS, such policy is consistent with community policing strategies that maintain public safety and support; and,

WHEREAS, Public Act No: 20-1 An Act Concerning Police Accountability requires that law enforcement units “make efforts to recruit, retain, and promote minority police officers so that the racial and ethnic diversity of the unit is representative of such community”; and,

WHEREAS, the NHPD has a Junior Cadet Program for youth ages 13-18 run by sworn officers which functions as a junior police academy where members participate in activities related to public service, citizenship, personal fitness, outdoors, social events, and career awareness. These activities prepare junior cadets to become responsible citizens and prospective law enforcement officers; and,

WHEREAS, the NHPD Youth Outreach Budget is very limited and not adequate to supply the needed items for a robust Junior Cadet Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Junior Cadet Program has been offered cash and other donations to support its operations; and,

WHEREAS, the NHPD will be grateful to receive donations from various organizations, businesses, groups, and individuals to support its Junior Cadet Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports resources that assist and benefit NHPD and maintain public safety; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Mayor to establish an ongoing Junior Cadet Fund.