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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT \$104,613 FROM THE URBAN RESOURCES
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WHEREAS, in 2009 recognizing that the City was removing more trees than it was planting the City embarked on a 10,000 tree campaign with the goal of planting more trees than are removed each year;

WHEREAS, in 2010 recognizing the unique work of URI with its youth and ex-offender work programs, and its GIS platform to track data the Board of Alders designated URI the sole source vendor for the 10k tree campaign;

WHEREAS, the City's partnership with URI has expanded efforts to removing stumps to prioritize planting trees in Environmental Justice Communities;

WHEREAS, funding from the U.S. Forest Service to Urban Resources Initiative will double the number of trees planted each year, as well as plant 150 trees per year for five years in parks and school grounds in Environmental Justice Communities.

WHEREAS, the new trees planted in schools and parks require regular watering for the first three years to ensure survivability.

WHEREAS, these tree plantings will increase equitable access to urban tree canopy and associated human health, environmental and economic benefits in disadvantaged communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN APPROVING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT \$104,613 FROM THE URBAN RESOURCES INITIATIVE