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ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS APPROVING A ONE YEAR CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$205,000.00 TO NEW REACH INC. TO PROVIDE GAP FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LIFE HAVEN EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER.

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WHEREAS, the City of New Haven through its Department of Community Resilience – Office of Housing and Homelessness seeks to provide safe shelter spaces for unhoused individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, the unhoused face unsafe and mentally challenging situations every day, often leading to fear, anxiety, depression, and hopelessness. These feelings have a negative impact on their psyche, their response to situations, their ability to obtain or maintain employment and for children, their ability to perform well at school: and,

WHEREAS, a safe, clean shelter with wraparound, client centered services is vital to stabilizing the unhoused, providing emotional support, reducing stress and anxiety; improving mood; and increasing productivity due to a better mental state: and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness believes safe shelter services will provide much needed support to unhoused; and,

WHEREAS, New Reach Inc. is non-profit organization that has been serving the disenfranchised in the City of New Haven by providing shelter, prevention and diversion services as well as advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, New Reach, Inc. has agreed to provide 20 units of family shelter services with wraparound services to include housing case management, access to medical and behavioral care as well as financial literacy and access to employment training; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing and Homelessness is honored to partner with New Reach, Inc. for said services under a one-year contract in the amount of two hundred and five thousand dollars (\$205,000.00).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven supports these services that benefit the unhoused families in the community.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven authorizes the Office of Housing and Homelessness to enter into a one-year contract with New Reach, Inc. in the amount of \$205,000.00 to provide emergency shelter for unhoused families.