

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
AUTHORIZING THE NEW HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT (AND ON BEHALF OF THE
NEW HAVEN FIREFIGHTER BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION) TO ACCEPT DONATIONS
OF FUNDS FROM OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS FOR
THE NEW HAVEN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ricardo Torres lost his life in the line of duty on May 12th, 2021 during a 2nd alarm fire on Valley Street in New Haven; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Samod Rankins was critically injured at that same fire and will have significant medical costs; and,

WHEREAS, The New Haven Fire Department has/will receive donations related to Extra training, and Equipment for the New Haven Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the New Haven Firemen's Benevolent Association were established in the 1870s as a way for members of the New Haven Fire Department to assist members and families who suffer losses. Throughout the years this has been funded through member donations and has served through many losses suffered by this department. The Benevolent has continued the same mission for the entire time of its existence.

WHEREAS, The New Haven Fire Department has/will receive donation on behalf of the New Haven Fire Department and the Benevolent Association which will aid in costs associated in the tragic loss of Firefighter Torres in the line of duty and the injuries to Lieutenant Rankins; and,

WHEREAS, The New Haven Fire Department will pass on any donations made payable to the City of New Haven for the Fire Benevolent Association to Fire Benevolent Association; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New Haven Board of Alders authorizing the New Haven Fire Department (and on behalf of the new haven firefighter benevolent association) to accept donations of funds from other fire departments, businesses and citizens for the new haven fire department