Hon. Board of Alders

165 Church Street

New Haven, CT 06510-2010

Dear Colleagues

The highly contagious novel coronavirus COVID-19 has created a worldwide pandemic that infected hundreds of thousands and killed people worldwide. It has changed life as we know it by shutting down person to person contact, forcing governments to issue stay at home orders, and overwhelming hospital systems.

As a result, most of the workforce has been forced to work remotely from their own homes in order to limit the spread of this viral disease. However, those functions deemed critical to the continuity of operations have been required to continue and those who do them to report to work. Even though by doing so the put themselves and their families in jeopardy in order to be available for others.

These doctors, nurses, medical professionals and support staff, grocery store workers, news reporters, hotel and hospitality industry employees, custodial employees, auto mechanics, factory workers, first responders, transportation operators, waste management collectors, public servants, and others on the frontline of the ongoing battle against this deadly contagion deserve our deepest gratitude and respect.

Therefore, please find attached a Resolution saluting and expressing extreme gratitude to those workers letting them know that New Haven is with them in this struggle and here to support them as they support us.

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS SALUTING AND EXPRESSING EXTREME GRATITUDE TO THOSE WORKERS ON THE FRONTLINE PROVIDING THE FUNCTIONS DEEMED CRITICAL TO THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS IN THE MIDST OF THIS GLOBAL PANDEMIC.

Whereas: COVID-19 created a worldwide pandemic that infected hundreds of thousands and killed people worldwide; and

WHEREAS: this highly contagious novel coronavirus changed life as we know it by shutting down person to person contact, forcing governments to issue stay at home orders, and overwhelming hospital systems; and

WHEREAS: as a result, most of the workforce has been forced to work remotely from their own homes in order to limit the spread of this viral disease; and

WHEREAS: those functions deemed critical to the continuity of operations have been required to continue to report to work potentially putting themselves and their families in jeopardy in order to be available for others; and

WHEREAS: that includes but is not limited to the doctors, nurses, medical professionals and support staff, grocery store workers, news reporters, hotel and hospitality industry employees, custodial employees, auto mechanics, factory workers, transportation operators, waste management collectors, first responders public servants,; and

WHEREAS: those workers on the frontline of the ongoing battle against this deadly contagion deserve our deepest gratitude and respect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS, that we salute and express extreme gratitude to those workers on the frontline who continue to provide the functions deemed critical to the continuity of operations in the midst of this global pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS that New Haven is with you in this struggle and here to support you as you support us.