NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the New Haven Port Authority (NHPA") wishes to develop a Strategic Master Plan (the "Master Plan") for the New Haven Port (the "Port"); and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal, NHPA issued a Request for Proposals for the development of the Master Plan (the "RFP") in September 2023; and

WHEREAS, NHPA has received responses to the RFP and is in the process of selecting a contractor to develop the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2018, the State Bond Commission approved grant-in-aid funds in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars and 00/100 (\$500,000) to the Connecticut Port Authority (the "CPA") to develop a master plan for the Port, including improved connections to freight rail system (the "Master Plan Funding"); and

WHEREAS, NHPA wishes to apply to the CPA for the Master Plan Funding (the "Grant"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the CPA met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 and may not meet again until June 2024; and

WHEREAS, prior to the CPA Board of Directors March 19, 2024 meeting, the Executive Director of CPA suggested to NHPA's Executive Director that if NHPA wished to have its application for the Grant considered by the CPA Board of Directors at its June 2024 Meeting, NHPA should submit a request for the Grant prior to the CPA Board of Directors' March 19, 2024 meeting so that the CPA Board of Directors could become familiar with the Grant request; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2024, Nicholas Fabiani, the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of NHPA, submitted a request to the CPA for the Grant (a copy of the request is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of NHPA wishes to ratify the actions of Nicholas Fabiani in applying for the Grant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NHPA be and hereby is authorized to apply for the Grant from CPA, and if the Grant is awarded, to take such actions as are necessary to accept the Grant, including entering into an agreement with CPA for the acceptance of the Grant and entering into a contract with the contractor selected to develop the Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of NHPA be and hereby is authorized for and on behalf of the NHPA to execute and deliver an agreement with CPA for the acceptance of the Grant, to execute and deliver all other instruments and documents necessary for the acceptance of the Grant, and to take any and all other reasonable actions in furtherance thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of Nicholas Fabiani, Chair of the Board of Commissioners in applying for the Grant on March 18, 2024 are hereby ratified, adopted and affirmed.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the New Haven Port Authority on March 21, 2024 by a vote of <u>four (4) in favor, none opposed</u>.

ATTEST

Eugene Harris

Secretary