FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Haven Mayor Announces Moment of Silence to Mourn 100,000 Lost to COVID-19

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Today, New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker announced that the City of New Haven will have a moment of silence to mourn the over 100 residents lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the over 100,000 lives lost nationally to COVID-19 on Monday, June 1st. The City of New Haven is joining mayors and interfaith leaders across the nation to mourn, lament, and honor the dead, acknowledge the unequal nature of our suffering, pray together for the healing of the nation, and recommit to the difficult work ahead. The National Day of Mourning and Lament will follow a weekend of services from Muslim, Jewish, and Christian houses of worship—including Protestant, Catholic, Evangelical, African-American, Latinx, Asian-American, and Native American—all united in times of lament and mourning for the dead.

Mayor Elicker released the following statement:

As we mark the deaths of 100,000 people in the U.S. from COVID-19, millions of people across the country and the City of New Haven are joining the calling for a National Day of Mourning and Lament. The City will observe Monday, June 1st, as a National Day of Mourning and Lament—a day marked by moments of silence and ringing of bells. As individuals, residents of our City, and collectively as a nation, we need time to stop, reflect, pray, mourn, and honor the dead. I urge faith and community leaders and our residents to observe two minutes of silence from 10 AM to 10:02 AM on Monday, June 1st, to pause, reflect, pray, mourn and honor all those we have lost to comfort all those they have left behind. Also, to the extent possible, I have asked houses of worship to ring their bells from 10:02 AM to 10:10 AM to honor the 100 lives we lost in the City and the 100,000 lives we lost nationally.

###
165 Church Street, New Haven, CT 06510