

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-22

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is a party to the Parkcrest v HANO, No.15-1533, E.D. La.; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit was tried before the Honorable Carl J. Barbier on February 20 to March 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, judgment was entered in the lawsuit on July 10, 2018 against HANO and in favor of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, an intervenor in the lawsuit, in the amount of \$437,851.60 plus reasonable attorney's fees, costs and interest; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 13:5109 authorizes political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana to use funds appropriated to it to pay judgments; and

WHEREAS, HANO is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and has asked HUD for permission to appeal the judgment and post a bond during the pendency of the appeal; and

WHEREAS, HUD has denied HANO's request to post a bond during the pendency of the appeal; and

WHEREAS, an order was entered by the Honorable Carl J. Barbier on November 30, 2018 that directed HANO to post an appellate bond no later than December 21, 2018 and further directed HANO's Executive Director Gregg Fortner to ensure HANO's compliance with the order;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans authorizes the Executive Director of HANO, Gregg Fortner, to take all steps necessary, including but not limited to authorizing payment of a judgment under La. R.S. 13:5109, to comply with the order entered by the Honorable Carl J. Barbier on November 30, 2018.

Executed this 12th day of December, 2018

APPROVAL:



**ALICE RIENER
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**