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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

RE: *Agreement with Inmar, Inc.*
(Consumer Drug Take-Back Program)

Council Members:

During a 12-month period ending in November 2021, an average of eight New York State residents died of drug overdoses daily, annually reaching 2,852 deaths. In 2021, more than 100,000 Americans died as a result of drug overdoses, making it a leading cause of death more prominent than car accidents and gun fatalities combined.

Despite a pervasive number of drug-related deaths year over year, old or unused prescriptions rarely find their way to a secure drug take-back location. Unused, leftover, or expired medications have proven to be a significant cause of drug misuse, accidental drug poisonings, and environmental damage. With this in mind, the City, through the Niagara Falls Police Department, has the opportunity to access a nationally known drug take back program.

Inmar, Inc., the largest provider of pharmaceutical reverse logistics services in the country, has launched a Consumer Drug Take-Back Program to help in the battle against prescription opioid abuse. The nationwide program provides subscribing hospital pharmacies, retail pharmacies and law enforcement agencies with DEA-compliant prescription drug take-back receptacles where individuals can simply and safely deposit surplus/expired medications. Once a receptacle is full, program subscribers follow a straightforward process for executing fully audited shipping of the receptacle's replaceable inner liner back to Inmar for certified destruction. Inmar's solution is easily implemented and managed in compliance with the DEA Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010.

It is hereby proposed that the City enter into an agreement with Inmar so as to implement its drug take-back program in the City. The term of the agreement will be for 3 years from the date of signing. The Niagara Falls Police Department will undertake local administration of the program. Participation in this drug take-back initiative is free, as the program is fully funded by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Will the Council vote to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the same?

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor

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