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# VIA U.S. MAIL

Consumer Protection Bureau
Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Notice of Data Event

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent New-York Historical Society ("N-YHS") located at 170 Central Park West, New York, New York 10024, and write to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to approximately three (3) New Hampshire residents. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, N-YHS does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

### Nature of the Data Event

On July 16, 2020, N-YHS received notification from one of its third-party vendors, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"), of a cyber incident. Blackbaud reported that it experienced a ransomware incident in May 2020 that resulted in encryption of certain Blackbaud systems. Blackbaud reported the incident to law enforcement and worked with forensic investigators to determine the nature and scope of the incident. Following its investigation, Blackbaud notified its customers that an unknown actor may have accessed or acquired certain Blackbaud customer data. Blackbaud reported that data may have been accessed or exfiltrated by the threat actor at some point before Blackbaud locked the threat actor out of the environment on May 20, 2020. Upon learning of the Blackbaud incident, N-YHS immediately commenced an investigation to determine what, if any, sensitive N-YHS data was potentially involved. This investigation included working diligently to gather further information from Blackbaud to understand the scope of the incident, as well as undertake diligent efforts to assess what N-YHS data was present in the Blackbaud system. On or

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about August 21, 2020, N-YHS received further information from Blackbaud that allowed it to determine the information potentially affected may have contained personal information. On September 11, 2020, after a thorough review process, N-YHS confirmed the population of potentially impacted individuals, which includes three (3) New Hampshire residents. The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, financial account information, and payment card information.

# **Notice to New Hampshire Residents**

On or about October 5, 2020, N-YHS will provide written notice of this incident to affected individuals, which includes three (3) New Hampshire residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

# Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken

Upon discovering the event, N-YHS moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, including working with Blackbaud to learn more about the incident and determine what N-YHS data may be involved. N-YHS then worked diligently to identify and notify those individual whose information may have been affected. N-YHS is providing potentially impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

### **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-4773.

Very truly yours,

M. Alexandra Belton of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT** A

# NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM & LIBRARY

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### Dear <<b2b\_Text\_5(Extra3)>>:

New-York Historical Society ("N-YHS") writes to inform you of a recent incident that may affect the privacy of some of your information. On July 16, 2020, N-YHS received notification from one of its third-party vendors, Blackbaud, Inc. ("Blackbaud"), of a cyber incident. Blackbaud is a cloud computing provider that offers customer relationship management and financial services tools to organizations, including N-YHS. Upon receiving notice of the cyber incident, we immediately commenced an investigation to better understand the nature and scope of the incident and any impact on N-YHS data. This notice provides information about the Blackbaud incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it necessary to do so.

What Happened? Blackbaud reported that it experienced a ransomware incident in May 2020 that resulted in encryption of certain Blackbaud systems. Blackbaud reported the incident to law enforcement and worked with forensic investigators to determine the nature and scope of the incident. Following its investigation, Blackbaud notified its customers that an unknown actor may have accessed or acquired certain Blackbaud customer data. Blackbaud reported that the data was exfiltrated by the threat actor at some point before Blackbaud locked the threat actor out of the environment on May 20, 2020. Upon learning of the Blackbaud incident, N-YHS immediately commenced an investigation to determine what, if any, sensitive N-YHS data was potentially involved. This investigation included working diligently to gather further information from Blackbaud to understand the scope of the incident. On or about August 21, 2020, N-YHS received further information from Blackbaud that allowed it to determine the information potentially affected may have contained personal information. On September 11, 2020, after a thorough review process, N-YHS confirmed the population of potentially impacted individuals.

What information was Involved? Our investigation determined that the involved Blackbaud systems contained your name and <<br/>b2b\_Text\_6(Extra4)>>. Please note that, to date, we have not received confirmation from Blackbaud that your specific information was accessed or acquired by the unknown actor.

What are We Doing? The confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in our care are among our highest priorities, and we take this incident very seriously. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information in our care, we are working to review our existing policies and procedures regarding our third-party vendors, and are working with Blackbaud to evaluate additional measures and safeguards to protect against this type of incident in the future. We will also be notifying state regulators, as required.

What Can You Do? We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud and to review your account statements and credit reports for suspicious charges. We also encourage you to review the enclosed Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information. There you will find general information on what you can do to help protect your personal information.

**For More Information.** We understand that you may have questions about the Blackbaud incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our dedicated assistance line at 1-###-#### petween the hours of 9:00 am and 6:30 pm Eastern Time. You may also write to New-York Historical Society at 170 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident has caused.

Sincerely,

Matthew Bregman

Vice President for Development New-York Historical Society

### Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information

### **Monitor Accounts**

Under U.S. law you are entitled to one (1) free credit report annually from each of the three (3) major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus listed below directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

You have the right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report, which will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing information in your credit report without your express authorization. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a security freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a security freeze, please contact the major consumer reporting agencies listed below:

Experian	TransUnion	Equifax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 160	P.O. Box 105788
Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094	Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872	1-800-685-1111
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html	www.transunion.com/credit-freeze	www.equifax.com/personal/credit- report-services

In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

- Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.):
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

As an alternative to a security freeze, you have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one (1) year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below:

Experian	Iransunion	Equitax
P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000	P.O. Box 105069
Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19106	Atlanta, GA 30348
1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289	1-888-766-0008
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html	www.transunion.com/ fraud-alerts	www.equifax.com/personal/credit- report-services

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### Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself by contacting the consumer reporting agencies, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

**For North Carolina residents**, the Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000, www.ncdoj.gov. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

For Maryland residents, the Attorney General can be contacted at 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, 1-410-528-8662, www.oag.state.md.us. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violators. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\_cfpb\_summary\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**For New York residents**, the Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; and https://ag.ny.gov/.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General can be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903; www.riag.ri.gov, 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There is 1 Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General can be reached at: 441 4th St. NW #1100 Washington, D.C. 20001, by phone at (202) 727-3400 and by email at oag@dc.gov. You can obtain information from the Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission about preventing identity theft.