NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSTITUTE OF ELIBERTO GRACIA

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NOW COME Eliberto Gracia (hereinafter "Mr. Gracia") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "The Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter Athis Agreement@):

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing insurance agents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia holds a non-resident producer license issued by the Department on or about June 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia failed to timely report to the Department a December 2012 administrative action with monetary penalty by the Missouri department of insurance for failure to report an administrative action, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia failed to timely report to the Department a November 2010 administrative action with monetary penalty by the South Carolina department of insurance for employing unlicensed individuals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia's failure to notify the Department of the December 2012 Missouri administrative action within thirty (30) days is a violation of N.C.G.S. § 58-33-32(k); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia's failure to notify the Department of the November 2010 South Carolina administrative action within thirty (30) days is a violation of N.C.G.S. § 58-33-32(k); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia's violation of N.C.G.S. § 58-33-32(k) is a violation of the insurance laws for which his license may be revoked pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gracia has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Gracia; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department have the express authority to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing concerning this matter; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for, and in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Mr. Gracia hereby agree to the following:

- Immediately upon his signing of this document, Gracia shall pay a civil penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Department. The form of payment shall be in a certified check, cashiers check or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance". Mr. Gracia shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Mr. Gracia. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than November 16, 2013. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of public schools.
- Mr. Gracia enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Gracia understands that he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future examinations of Mr. Gracia or in any other complaints involving Mr. Gracia.
- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Gracia understands that N.C.G.S. 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that his licenses may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.

- 5. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.
- This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all 6. licenses issued by the Department to the licensee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensees following the execution of this Agreement. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement with third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreements to the NAIC and all companies that have appointed the licensee.
- 7. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed and attested to by Mr. Gracia and the Department.

This the 18 day of OCT, 2013.

Eliberto Gracia

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INSURANCE

By:

CAROLINA

Senior Deputy Commissioner

Angela Ford

DEPARTMENT

