NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

OF INSURANCE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE OF ORLANDO TATE LICENSE NO. 7897183

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME Orlando Tate (hereinafter "Mr. Tate") and the Agent Services Division (hereinafter "Agent Services Division") of the N.C. Department of Insurance (hereinafter, "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Tate currently holds a resident producer's license with lines of authority for Accident & Health or Sickness, Life, Medicare Supplement & Long Term Care; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 58-33-32 (k) requires that an insurance producer report to the North Carolina Department of Insurance any administrative action taken against the producer in another state or by another governmental agency in the State within 30 days after the final disposition of the matter; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-33-46 (a)(2) provides that the N.C. Commissioner of Insurance (hereinafter "Commissioner") may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew any license issued under Article 58 of the General Statutes of North Carolina for violating any insurance law of this or any other state, violating any administrative rule, subpoena, or order of the Commissioner or of another state's insurance regulator or violating any rule of the FINRA; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 58-33-46 (a)(9) provides that the North Carolina Department of Insurance may place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license if a licensee has an insurance producer license or its equivalent, denied, suspended or revoked in any other jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 58-2-70 provides that whenever the Commissioner has reason to believe that any person has violated any law that would subject the license or certification of that person to suspension or revocation, the Commissioner is authorized, in lieu of a hearing, to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement as to the status of the person's license or certificate or to any civil penalty or restitution; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 5, 2022, Mr. Tate's application for an insurance producer license was denied by the State of New York pursuant to an New York investigation that determined Mr. Tate was untrustworthy; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 5, 2022, Mr. Tate did not report to the Commissioner the denial of the application by the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2022, Mr. Tate's license was revoked by the State of Louisiana due to a failure to report the State of New York negative action; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 8, 2022, Mr. Tate did not report to the Commissioner the revocation by the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tate has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement on behalf of himself, and the Agent Services Division has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications, including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on the aforementioned matters against Mr. Tate; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement mutually wish to resolve this matter by consent before the Department initiates an administrative hearing and have reached a mutually agreeable resolution of this matter as set out in this Agreement.

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

- 1. Immediately upon the signing of this Agreement, Mr. Tate shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 to the Agent Services Division. The form of payment shall be by certified check, cashier's 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. Tate shall remit the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Agent Services Division, 1204 Mail Service Center. Raleigh, NC 27699-1204, along with a copy of this signed Agreement. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the North Carolina Department of Insurance no later than November 22, 2023. 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.
- 2. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Agent Services Division's disciplinary power in any future examination of Mr. Tate or in any other complaints involving Mr. Tate.
- 3. Mr. Tate enters into this Agreement, on behalf of himself, freely and voluntarily and with the knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Tate understands he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 4. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Tate understands that N.C.G.S. § 58-33-46 (a)(2) provides that a producer's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- 5. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and will <u>not</u> be held confidential by the Agent Services Division. Following the execution of this Agreement, all licenses issued by the Agent Services Division to Mr. Tate shall reflect this Regulatory Action taken against him. The Agent Services Division 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 Agent Services Division, upon request, routinely will provide a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to companies that have appointed the licensee.

- 6. The parties have read and understand this Agreement and agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated herein.
- 7. Be aware that if a state or federal regulator other than the Agent Services Division has issued an occupational or professional license to you, that regulator may require you to report this administrative action to it. The Agent Services Division cannot give you legal advice as to the specific reporting requirements of other state or federal regulators.

N. C. Department of Insurance Agents Services Division

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By: Orlando Tate License No. 7897183 By: Joe Wall Deputy Commissioner

Date: 11/21/23

Date: 12/7/2023