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 LICENSURE OF VONDA WHITE

VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME Vonda White (hereinafter, "Ms. White") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement"):

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

WHEREAS, Ms. White holds licenses issued by the Department in the area of Life and Health; and

WHEREAS, the Department conducted an investigation in 2006-2007 related to two companies named Student Plans, Inc. ("Student Plans") and Security Insurance Company, Ltd. (Security, Ltd.); and

WHEREAS, the Department's investigation revealed that Security, Ltd. was an unlicensed insurer, and that Security, Ltd. was unrelated to a licensed insurer with a very similar name, "Security Insurance Company of Hartford"; and

WHEREAS, the Department conducted an investigation which revealed that Ms. White , who did not have a broker's license was not appointed with a licensed insurance company connected to the plans at issue, solicited a Security Ltd. policy through Student Health Plans for Winston Salem State University and the Upward Bound Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department's investigation revealed that Ms. White had reason to believe, based on representations by Student Plans, that the invalid Security Insurance Company plans were in fact valid Security Insurance Company of Hartford plans; and

WHEREAS, Ms. White 's solicitation of the Security Ltd. policy through Student Health Plans was a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-26(a), which states that no person shall act as a broker unless duly licensed; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. White 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 Ms. White; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 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 Vonda White hereby agree to the following:

- 1. Immediately upon his signing of this document, Ms. White shall pay a civil penalty of \$250.00 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". Ms. White shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department, and Ms. White shall retain the return receipt for his records. The Department must receive both the civil penalty and this signed document from Ms. White no later than April 20, 2007.
- 2. Ms. White agrees to comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to insurance agents in this State.
- 3. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future actions, cases or complaints involving Ms. White.
- 4. This agreement shall not affect the rights of any third party, including but not limited to the right of affected insureds to hold the undersigned agent accountable for unpaid valid claims of Security, Ltd. policies.
- 5. Ms. White enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of her rights to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Ms. White understands that she may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
- 6. This Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all 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 all companies that have appointed the licensee.

- 7. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Ms. White understands that N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-33-46(a)(2) provides that her licenses may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
- This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Ms. White and the 8. Department.

This the 30 day of april, 2007.

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF **INSURANCE**

Vonda White

Agent

Angela Ford

Senior Deputy Commissioner