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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of		
WHITFIELD BENEFIT SOLUT	TIONS	

Case No. D19-10

STIPULATED AGREEMENT AND ORDER

The Division of Insurance (Division) and Whitfield Benefit Solutions (WBS) stipulate and agree that the unlicensed activity that occurred is resolved as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

- A. On or about January 2019, the Division contacted WBS to inquire about their license status.
- B. During subsequent conversations, the Division determined that WBS had been transacting insurance in Alaska, through its agent Pamela Whitfield, since May 1, 2016.
 - C. At no point since May 1, 2016 has WBS held an Alaskan insurance license.
- D. AS 21.27.010(a) states in part that "... a person may not act as or represent to be an insurance producer, managing general agent, or surplus lines broker in this state or relative to a subject resident, located, or to be performed in this state unless licensed under this chapter..."
- E. As part of the inquiry into the unlicensed activity by WBS, WBS provided a notarized statement to the Division of the business that had been transacted while WBS was unlicensed.

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This statement indicated that 334 policies were written between May 20, 2016 and December 28, 2018 with \$23,532.87 earned in commission. These transactions subject WBS to civil penalties under AS 21.27.440.

II. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- 1. WBS agrees to pay a civil penalty under AS 21.27.440 in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the unlicensed activity that occurred between May 20, 2016 and December 28, 2018 with \$25,000.00 suspended. The unsuspended penalty of \$25,000.00 is payable at the time WBS has been notified that the director has signed the order approving the agreement.
- 2. In the event WBS, or its agent Pamela Whitfield, violates Alaska insurance laws during the next five years, the suspended portion of the penalty referenced in paragraph one will be reinstated. WBS, or its agent Pamela Whitfield, will be subject to any and all sanctions authorized by the insurance laws including imposition of additional penalties.
- 3. WBS understands that this agreement is not binding on the parties unless and until the director signs the order approving the agreement.

WHITFIELD BENEFIT SOLUTIONS

By:

Pamela Whitfield Compliance Officer

DIVISION OF INSURANCE

Chris Murray

Program Coordinator

DATED:		23	19	·-··
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KEVIN G. CLARKSON ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: <u> </u>

Assistant Attorney General

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that this Stipulated Agreement and Order is adopted in full resolution of the issues in the case and shall constitute the final order in this matter.

DATED this 25th day of September

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Lori Wing-Heier Director of Insurance