| STATE OF INDIANA) | BEFORE THE INDIANA |
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|) SS: | COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE |
| COUNTY OF MARION) | |
| | CAUSE NO.: 20728-AD21-0823-128 |
| IN THE MATTER OF: |) |
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| Hugh A. Ross |) |
| 500 19th St., NE |) |
| East Wenatchee, WA 98802 | FILED |
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| Applicant. | NOV 1 5 2021 |
| |) STATE OF INDIANA |
| Type of Agency Action: Enforcement | DEPT. OF INSURANCE |
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| License Application #: 873775 |) |

PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF LICENSE DENIAL

The Indiana Department of Insurance, pursuant to the Indiana Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Indiana Code § 4-21.5-1 *et seq.* and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12, hereby gives notice to Hugh A. Ross ("Applicant") of the following Administrative Order:

- 1. Applicant filed an application for nonresident producer licensure with the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Commissioner") on June 11, 2021.
- 2. Before approving an application, the Commissioner must find that the applicant has met specific requirements under Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-8 and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
- 3. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(9) provides, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer's license for having an insurance producer's license or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district or territory.
- 4. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1) provides, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer's license for providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in a license application.

- 5. Following a review of public records, and a review of documentation submitted by Applicant in support of his application, the Commissioner, being fully advised, now hereby notifies Applicant that he has not fully met the requirements of licensure as stated by Indiana Codes §§ 27-1-15.6-12(b)(9) and 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1) due to his October 25, 2018 license denial by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, and his failure to disclose it on his application.
- 6. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(d) provides that the applicant may, not more than sixty-three (63) days after notice of denial of the application is mailed, make written demand to the Commissioner for a hearing before the Commissioner to determine the reasonableness of the Commissioner's action.
- 7. This is considered an agency action. This action has been initiated by the aforementioned authority. If you choose to appeal this agency action, the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings ("OALP") will assign an administrative law judge to preside over this matter, and subsequently you will be contacted by the OALP with more information to begin the administrative process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Applicant's request for licensure is hereby DENIED pursuant to Indiana Codes §§ 27-1-15.6-12(b)(9) and 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1) due to Applicant's license denial and his failure to disclose it on his application. Applicant may reapply for licensure not less than one (1) year from the date of this order.

Date Signed

Amy L. Beard, Commissioner Indiana Department of Insurance

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