| STATE OF INDIANA )                   | BEFORE THE INDIANA             |
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| ) SS:                                | COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE      |
| COUNTY OF MARION )                   |                                |
|                                      | CAUSE NO.: 21104-AD22-0104-004 |
| IN THE MATTER OF:                    | )                              |
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| Lee R. Meriwether                    | )                              |
| 11317 Winding Wood Ct.               | )                              |
| Indianapolis, IN 46235               |                                |
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| Applicant.                           | ) IAM @ a maga                 |
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| Type of Agency Action: Enforcement   | t ) STATE OF INDIANA           |
|                                      | DEPT. OF INSURANCE             |
| <b>License Application #: 931972</b> | )                              |

## 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 Lee R. Meriwether ("Applicant") of the following Administrative Order:

- 1. Applicant filed an application for resident producer licensure with the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance ("Commissioner") on November 22, 2021.
- 2. Before approving an application, the Commissioner must find that the applicant has met specific requirements under Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-6 and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
- 3. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(8) provides, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer's license for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in Indiana or elsewhere.

- 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 the materials 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)(8) and 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1), after having been found liable for breach of contract, common law fraud and unjust enrichment on March 25, 2004 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, and for failing to disclose it in his application.
- 6. Following a review of public records and the materials 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 Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1), due to his failure to disclose his October 9, 2015 Denial Order issued by the Indiana Department of Insurance.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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)(8) and 27-1-15.6-12(b)(1) due to Applicant's fraudulent and dishonest practices in the conduct of business in Indiana, failing to disclose them in application, and for failing to disclose a license denial. 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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