STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION BUREAU OF INSURANCE

In re:

Geraldine M. Washington National Producer No. 16935188 Maine License No. PRN223225 Docket No. INS-15-231 LICENSE REVOCATION NOTICE, ORDER, and OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

NOTICE TO GERALDINE M. WASHINGTON:

Effective as of **October 7, 2015**, your Maine non-resident insurance producer license will be **REVOKED** without further formal proceedings unless you request a hearing as specified below.

The reasons for license revocation are as follows:

- 1. On March 25, 2015, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania revoked your resident insurance producer license for (i) signing names of insureds on applications; (ii) signing names of insureds on money orders then using the orders to pay premiums; and (iii) rebating the insureds by paying their initial premiums without receiving payment from the insureds. The Pennsylvania revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws, and § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.
- 2. On May 12, 2015, the State of Mississippi accepted the voluntary surrender of your non-resident license in lieu of other possible administrative action. The Mississippi revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.
- 3. On May 18, 2015, the State of Washington revoked your non-resident insurance producer license for having your license revoked in your resident state and for your failure to report the administrative action taken against you in a timely fashion. The Washington revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws, and § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.

- 4. On July 31, 2015, the State of Indiana revoked your non-resident insurance producer license for having your license revoked in your resident state. The Indiana revocation constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(I), for having an insurance producer license, or its equivalent, denied, suspended, or revoked in any other state, province, district, or territory.
- 5. You failed to timely report any of these administrative actions taken against you described hereinabove to the Maine Superintendent of Insurance as required by 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-P(1), which constitutes grounds for revocation of your Maine license under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-K(1)(B), for violating insurance laws.
- 6. As described above, your insurance producer license in your home state of Pennsylvania was revoked. Under 24-A M.R.S. § 1420-G(1)(A), one of the qualifications in order for a person to be issued a non-resident producer license in Maine is that "[t]he person is currently licensed as a resident and in good standing in that person's home state." Therefore, you also do not meet the minimum qualifications for non-resident licensing in Maine, as your Pennsylvania resident insurance producer license was revoked.

Therefore, based upon the above grounds, your Maine insurance producer license is **revoked** as of **October 7, 2015**, pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§1417 and 1420-K, subject to your right to request a hearing.

Under the Maine Insurance Code, specifically 24-A M.R.S. §1417 and §1420-K, you have the right to a hearing before the Superintendent or his designee. If you request a hearing, you will have the right to present evidence and arguments in your defense, and the staff of the Bureau of Insurance will bear the burden of proving each violation by a preponderance of evidence.

If you request a hearing, you will receive further communication regarding scheduling. The matters to be determined through the hearing process are whether you committed one or more of the violations listed above, and if so, the appropriate sanctions for those violations. The sanctions imposed after a hearing can include any available remedy under applicable laws, including the payment of civil penalties.

To request a hearing, you must notify the Bureau of Insurance in writing no later than October 7, 2015. If you do not file a written request for a hearing within 30 days from the time you knew or reasonably should have known of the revocation of your license through this Notice and Order, you will lose your right to request a hearing on this license revocation Notice and Order.

Any request for a hearing, as well as all other communications regarding this Notice, Order, and Opportunity for Hearing must be addressed to Bureau Attorney Dyan Dyttmer, Bureau of Insurance, #34 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0034 (for

US Postal Service deliveries) or 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine 04345 (for private carrier deliveries, such as FedEx or UPS). You may also reach Attorney Dyttmer by email at dyan.dyttmer@maine.gov or by telephone at (207) 624-8402.

September 3, 2015

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