STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

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Proceedings by the Commissioner of Banking)	
and Insurance, State of New Jersey, to fine)	CONSENT
Edgardo K. Asuncion, Reference No. 9362828)	ORDER

To: Edgardo K. Asuncion 74 Grabowski Drive Parlin, NJ 08859-2525

This matter, having been opened by the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance ("Commissioner"), State of New Jersey, upon information that Edgardo K. Asuncion ("Respondent"), currently licensed as a resident individual insurance producer, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-32a, may have violated various provisions of the insurance laws of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Respondent is subject to the provisions of the New Jersey Insurance Producer Licensing Act of 2001, N.J.S.A. 17:22A-26 to -48 ("Producer Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a, the Commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew an insurance producer's license, and may levy a civil penalty for violation of the producer Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(2), an insurance producer shall not violate any insurance laws, regulation, subpoena or order of the commissioner or of another state's insurance regulator; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(8), an insurance producer shall not

use fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices, or demonstrate incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of insurance business in this State or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(10), an insurance producer shall not forge another's name to an application or to any document related to an insurance transaction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(16), an insurance producer shall not commit any fraudulent act; and

WHEREAS, between March 1, 2015 to December 28, 2015, the Respondent forged signatures of six insureds on eleven documents without the insured's knowledge, consent and authorization, in violation of N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a(2), (8) and (16); and

WHEREAS, the Respondent:

- 1) Has admitted responsibility for the violations; and
- 2) Has cooperated with the investigation conducted by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance ("Department"); and

WHEREAS, cause does exist under N.J.S.A. 17:22A-40a and N.J.S.A. 17:22A-45c to impose a fine; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent has waived his right to a hearing on the aforementioned violation and consents to imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000.00); and

WHEREAS, this matter should be resolved upon the consent of the Parties without resort to a formal hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS on this 19th day of September, 2022

ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent shall pay a fine totaling \$33,000.00 to the Department; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that said fine shall be paid by certified check, cashier's check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey, General Treasury," which shall be paid upon execution of this Consent Order by the

Respondent; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the signed Consent Order, together with the fine payment of \$33,000 shall be remitted to:

> New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance Attention: Virgil Dowtin- Chief of Investigations 9th Floor, Consumer Protection Services, Enforcement P.O. Box 329 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0329

and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the provisions of this Consent Order represent a final agency decision and constitute a final resolution of the violation contained herein: and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED, that the Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the conduct that gave rise to this Consent Order

> Marlene Caride Commissioner

Consented to as to Form,

Entry and Content

By: Edgardo K. Asuncion

Date: September 5, 2022