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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULA

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF APPLICATION AND LICENSING FEES

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, Hurricane Maria was a major hurricane that caused catastrophic damage to Puerto Rico.

WHEREAS, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order number 17-259 on October 2, 2017, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 17-259, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute or orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JONATHAN ZACHEM, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 17-259, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Maria, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Therefore, I order:

1. Application and licensing fees required for any individual professional license are suspended for a period of thirty (30) days for any resident of Puerto Rico displaced by Hurricane Maria and currently living in Florida, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this ______ day of October, 2017, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Innathan Zachem, Secretary 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed on this date, with The designated Agency Clerk, Receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged.

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Date: 10-6-2017