## NOTICE OF NONPAYMENT OF RENT AS PER DHHS-CDC AGENCY ORDER

TO:

## FROM:

Dear

This is my **DECLARATION** pursuant to the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Agency Order, <u>Temporary</u> <u>Halt in Residential Evictions to Prevent the Further Spread of</u> <u>COVID-19</u>

I certify under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, that the following are true and correct:

- 1. I have used best efforts to obtain all available government assistance for rent or housing<sup>1</sup>;
- 2. I either:
  - Expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in annual income for Calendar Year 2020 (or no more than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return),
  - Was not required to report any income in 2019 to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, <u>or</u>
  - Received an Economic Impact Payment (stimulus check) pursuant to Section 2201 of the CARES Act;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Available government assistance" means any governmental rental or housing payment benefits available to the individual or any household member.

- I am unable to pay my full rent or make a full housing payment due to substantial loss of household income, loss of compensable hours of work or wages, lay-offs, or extraordinary out-of-pocket medical expenses<sup>2</sup>;
- 4. I am using best efforts to make timely partial payments that are as close to the full payment as the individual's circumstances may permit, taking into account other nondiscretionary expenses;
- 5. If evicted I would likely become homeless, need to move into a homeless shelter, or need to move into a new residence shared by other people who live in close quarters because I have no other available housing options<sup>3</sup>.
- 6. I understand that I must still pay rent or make a housing payment, and comply with other obligations that I may have under my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract. I further understand that fees, penalties, or interest for not paying rent or making a housing payment on time as required by my tenancy, lease agreement, or similar contract may still be charged or collected.
- 7. I further understand that at the end of this temporary halt on evictions on December 31, 2020, my housing provider may require payment in full for all payments not made prior to and during the temporary halt and failure to pay may make me subject to eviction pursuant to State and local laws.
- 8. I understand that any false or misleading statements or omissions may result in criminal and civil actions for fines, penalties, damages, or imprisonment.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  An "extraordinary" medical expense is any unreimbursed medical expense likely to exceed 7.5% of one's adjusted gross income for the year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Available housing" means any available, unoccupied residential property, or other space for occupancy in any seasonal or temporary housing, that would not violate Federal, State, or local occupancy standards and that would not result in an overall increase of housing cost to you.

9. Nothing in this Declaration waives my right to defend against an eviction, dispute the amount of rent owed, or raise any claim or defense based upon my rental agreement or federal, state, and local laws.

Signature of Declarant

Date

Signature of Additional Adult Household Member

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