## STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

Before the Commissioner of the Division of Mortgage Lending

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5		)	Case No. 2023-002
6	WE SAVE HOMES.COM,	)	
Ĭ	Covered Service Provider License No. UNL.,	)	
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	and	)	
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9	JESSE J. KEENAN,	)	
	Covered Service Provider License No. UNL.,	)	
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	Respondents.	)	
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### FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE, AND ASSESS INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

Issued and Entered, This 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, By Cathy Sheehy, Commissioner

17 WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, 18

Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Commissioner") having been statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645F of the Nevada Revised Statutes,

NRS 645F.010 et seq. ("the Statute"), and Chapter 645F of the Nevada Administrative Code,

NAC 645F.005 et seq. ("the Regulation") (collectively, "the Act") governing the licensing and conduct

of covered service providers doing business in the State of Nevada; and,

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2023, the Commissioner issued to wesavehomes.com, a website operated by We Save Homes, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, and Jesse J. Keenan, an individual (collectively, "the RESPONDENTS"), an ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, AND NOTICE OF ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS, AND

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING (the "Order") attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by this reference; and,

WHEREAS, on or about the May 30,2023, the Order was served on Respondents by certified

mail (Article No. 7021 1970 0002 0579 0651 and Article No. 7021 1970 0002 0579 0590) and regular mail; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about June 6, 2023, June 9, 2023, and July 10, 2023, the certified mail and regular mail to Respondent was returned as unable to forward; and,

WHEREAS, the Order was served on Respondents on or about July 20, 2023, by email correspondence to <a href="WeSaveHomesLV@gmail.com">WeSaveHomesLV@gmail.com</a>; and Respondents responded to the email correspondence stating that "the website would be taken down today," and

WHEREAS, Respondents were advised that Respondents were entitled to an administrative hearing in this matter if Respondents filed a written request for a hearing; and,

WHEREAS, Respondents failed to exercise their rights to an administrative hearing, timely or otherwise; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, based upon the factual findings set forth above and the files and records of the Division of Mortgage Lending, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth in the Order shall be and hereby are found to be true and correct.
- 2. A FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, IMPOSE ADMINISTRATIVE FINE, AND ASSESS INVESTIGATIVE COSTS shall be and hereby is issued and entered against Respondents. FORTHWITH, Respondents shall:
  - a. CEASE and DESIST from engaging in any activity requiring licensure under the Act or the Regulation; and
  - b. Pay to the Division an Administrative Fine in the amount of \$0.00, as set forth in the Order; and
  - c. Pay to the Division the Investigative Costs in the amount of \$1,170.00, as set forth in the Order.

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- 3. This Final Order shall be and is effective on the date as issued and entered, as shown in the caption hereof.
- 4. This Final Order shall remain in effect and fully enforceable until terminated, modified, or set aside, in writing, by the Commissioner.
- 5. The Commissioner specifically retains jurisdiction of the matter(s) contained herein to issue such further order or orders as she may deem just, necessary, or appropriate so as to assure compliance with the law and protect the interest of the public.

#### IT IS SO ORDERED.

#### DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By: \_CATHY SHEEHY, COMMISSIONER

## **EXHIBIT** "1"

# STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

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# ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND NOTICE OF ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS, AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

Issued and Entered, This 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, By Cathy Sheehy, Commissioner

The Commissioner of the State of Nevada, Department of Business and Industry, Division of Mortgage Lending (the "Commissioner") is statutorily charged with the responsibility and authority to administer and enforce Chapter 645F of the Nevada Revised Statutes, NRS 645F.250 (hereinafter, "NRS 645F" or "the Statutes"), and Chapter 645F of the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC 645F.005 et seq. (hereinafter, "NAC 645F" or "the Regulations") (the Statutes and Regulations are collectively, the "Act"), governing the licensing and conduct of covered service providers in the State of Nevada; and,

The Commissioner having been vested with general supervisory power and control over all covered service providers doing business in the State of Nevada pursuant to NRS 645F; and,

The Commissioner having been further vested with broad authority to conduct investigations to determine whether any person has violated any provision of NRS 645F or NAC 645F; and,

Pursuant to that statutory authority and responsibility vested in the Commissioner, and in accordance with provisions of the Act and other applicable law, notice is hereby provided to we savehomes.com and Jesse J. Keenan ("Keenan") and/or their affiliates and/or assignees (collectively "RESPONDENTS"),, to cease any and all activity as set forth herein and for which licensure is required under the Act until such time as they have obtained a license or exemption from the Nevada Division of Mortgage Lending ("the Division").

## I. FACTUAL AND LEGAL BASIS FOR CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

The Commissioner finds that there is sufficient factual basis and legal authority to warrant this order as follows.

#### 1. Pursuant to NAC 645F.200:

A person shall not advertise services as, provide any of the services of, act as or conduct business as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant or otherwise engage in, carry on or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the activities of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant unless the person has a license as a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultant, as applicable, issued pursuant to the Nevada Covered Service Provider Regulations and chapter 645F of NRS.

- 2. Pursuant to NRS 645F.320. "Foreclosure consultant" means a person who, directly or indirectly, makes any solicitation, representation or offer to a homeowner to perform for compensation, or who, for compensation, performs any covered service that the person represents will do any of the following:
  - 1. Prevent or postpone a foreclosure sale;

- (e) Any provisions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008, Public Law 110-289, 12 U.S.C. §§ 5101 et seq., including registration with the Registry, and the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule, 16 C.F.R. Part 322, as promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission.
- 3. An application for a license pursuant to this section must include a complete set of the fingerprints of the applicant or, if the applicant is not a natural person, a complete set of the fingerprints of each person who will have an interest in the person who performs any covered service as a principal, partner, officer, director or trustee, and written permission authorizing the Division to forward the fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.
- 4. NRS 645F.400 Persons performing covered services for compensation:
  - 1. A person who performs any covered service shall not:
    - (a) Claim, demand, charge, collect or receive any compensation except in accordance with the terms of a contract for covered services.
    - (b) Claim, demand, charge, collect or receive any fee, interest or other compensation for any reason which is not fully disclosed to the homeowner.
    - (c) Take or acquire, directly or indirectly, any wage assignment, lien on real or personal property, assignment of a homeowner's equity, any interest in a residence or other security for the payment of compensation. Any such assignment or security is void and unenforceable.
    - (d) Receive any consideration from any third party in connection with a covered service provided to a homeowner unless the consideration is first fully disclosed to the homeowner.
    - (e) Accept a power of attorney from a homeowner for any purpose, other than to inspect documents as provided by law.
    - (f) Make any representation, express or implied, that a homeowner cannot or should not contact or communicate with his or her lender or servicer.
    - (g) Misrepresent any aspect of any covered service.

- (h) Make any representation, express or implied, that a covered service is affiliated with, associated with or endorsed or approved by:
  - (1) The Federal Government, the State of Nevada or any department, agency or political subdivision thereof;
  - (2) Any governmental plan for homeowner assistance;
  - (3) Any nonprofit housing counselor agency or program;
  - (4) The maker, holder or servicer of a homeowner's mortgage loan; or
  - (5) Any other person, entity or program.
- (i) Make any representation, express or implied, about the benefits, performance or efficacy of any covered service unless, at the time the representation is made, the person who performs any covered service, the foreclosure consultant or the loan modification consultant possesses and relies upon competent and reliable evidence which substantiates that the representation is true. As used in this paragraph, "competent and reliable evidence" means tests, analyses, research, studies or other evidence based on the expertise of professionals in the relevant area that have been conducted and evaluated in an objective manner by persons qualified to do so using procedures generally accepted in the profession to yield accurate and reliable results.
- (j) Obtain or attempt to obtain any waiver of the provisions of NRS 645F.300 to 645F.450, inclusive, or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Any such waiver is void and unenforceable.
- 2. In addition to any other penalty, a violation of any provision of this section shall be deemed to constitute mortgage lending fraud for the purposes of NRS 205.372.
- 5. On or about May 19, 2022, MLD Licensing received an email correspondence from Attorney Kristin A. Schuler-Hintz of the Law Firm of McCarthy Holthus, LLP, that alleged Real Estate Agent Keenan has and is conducting unlicensed foreclosure and loan modification.
- 6. The Division commenced an investigation. Investigator Nixon Medina ("NM") reviewed Keenan's website (wesavehomes.com) and found examples of foreclosure and loan

modification consultation; specifically, under hyperlink "Info Videos," questionable videos were found that were titled, "Why Over 100 Homes go to Foreclosure every Month in LV", "A \$30,000 Wire Saves a family's home 1 hour before foreclosure", "Behind on Your Mortgage Payments?" and "We have 8 ways to Stop Foreclosure and Resort Credit."

- 7. A review of the MLD's database confirmed that Keenan has no type of mortgage lending license. Additionally, NM confirmed that Keenan is not a Nevada licensed attorney.
- 8. On or about June 6, 2022, the Division sent correspondence to Keenan advising him that his activity requires licensure. Keenan responded back via email correspondence claiming that he does not engage in covered-service-provider ("CSP") activity.
- 9. NM exchanged multiple email correspondence with Keenan that provided him with information that justified his need to obtain a CSP license. Keenan disagreed and responded that he would not seek licensure.
- 10. After review of this investigation with Chief Investigator Jessica Monsour ("JM"), she and NM decided that a conference call with Keenan was necessary.
- 11. On or about June 10, 2022, Chief Investigator JM and NM had a conference call with Keenan. Keenan stated that he does not charge "fees" for "foreclosure consultations" but does charge a "higher-fee" when his client's home is sold. JM and NM concluded this call with an understanding that Keenan needed to be licensed, that his website was considered advertisement and that his website needed to be removed immediately. Keenan was given 30-days to comply.
- 12. On or about July 5, 2022, a review of Keenan's website shows that this website is still active. NM checked MLD's database and found no application for CSP license or having been granted a CSP license.
- 13. On or about July 20, 2022, the Division sent email correspondence to Keenan encouraging compliance by completing the tasks already discussed.

- 14. On or about August 4, 2022, the Division received email correspondence from Keenan which stated that he "could not afford the \$500.00 license fee" and he would not remove his website.
- 15. On or about October 26, 2022, based on information obtained from one of Keenan's videos, titled, "Home saved by Bankruptcy Five times before short sale 5801 La Jolla Way," After viewing this video, NM was able to identify a person in this video was a real person, not an actor.
- 16. On or about February 2, 2023, a review of Keenan's website reveals that the website is still active. NM reviewed the MLD's database again and confirmed that Keenan has no type of mortgage lending license. Additionally, NM confirmed that Keenan is not a Nevada licensed attorney.
- 17. RESPONDENTS engaged in unlicensed activity of covered service as a foreclosure and loan modification consultant in Nevada while not holding the proper licensure required under NRS Chapter 645F from the Division.
- 18. Unless otherwise exempt from the provisions of NRS 645F or NAC 645F, it is a violation of NAC 645F.800 for any person to provide or offer to provide any of the services of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant, or loan modification consultant or otherwise to engage in, carry on or hold himself or herself out as engaging in or carrying on the business of a covered servicer provider, foreclosure consultant or loan modification consultation without first obtaining the applicable license issued pursuant to the provisions of NRS 645F or NAC 645F.
- 19. Although Keeenan stated in his correspondence that no services have been performed in Nevada; his website for wesavehomes.com as stated above shows that he provides foreclosure and loan modification services in Nevada. Therefore, by advertising on their website and engaging with consumers for foreclosure and loan modification services for payment or compensation shows that RESPONDENTS have engaged in, or otherwise held themselves out as covered service providers, foreclosure consultants, or loan modification consultants in violation of NRS 645F.390.

- 20. NAC 645F.850 vests in the Commissioner the authority to order a person engaging in activity in violation of NRS 645F or the Regulation to immediately cease and desist from engaging in the activity.
- 21. NRS 645F.410(1) grants the Commissioner the authority to impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$25,000.00 on any person licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to provisions of NRS 645F.390 who violates any provisions of this chapter or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto or any other applicable law.
- 22. The Commissioner may also assess and collect costs, including attorney fees, against RESPONDENTS in accordance with NRS 645B.070(3).

## II. ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND ORDER IMPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE FINE, AND INVESTIGATION COSTS

The Commissioner having formed the opinion based upon the foregoing that RESPONDENTS have been and are engaged in unlicensed activities in violation of the NRS 645F and NAC 645F, and concluded and determined that RESPONDENTS should be ordered to: (1) cease and desist violating NRS 645F; (2) pay an administrative fine; and (3) pay investigative costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that RESPONDENTS shall immediately CEASE and DESIST from advertising, engaging in, or otherwise carrying on or holding themselves out as engaging in or carrying on any activities of a covered service provider, foreclosure consultant, or loan modification consultant requiring licensure under NRS 645F in the State of Nevada.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that RESPONDENTS shall be and hereby are assessed the Division's ADMINISTRATIVE FINE in the total amount of \$0.00 and INVESTIGATIVE COSTS in the amount of \$1,170.00 in accordance with NRS 645F.410.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an administrative hearing shall be scheduled in this matter only if RESPONDENTS timely request an administrative hearing in accordance with the instructions set forth in Section III and IV below. If no administrative hearing is requested timely, RESPONDENTS shall be deemed to have waived and

relinquished the right to an administrative hearing in this matter and a FINAL ORDER shall be issued in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be and is effective and enforceable on the date that it is issued and entered, as shown in the caption hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall remain effective and enforceable until terminated, modified, set aside, or suspended in writing by the Commissioner.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioner specifically retains jurisdiction over the matters contained herein and has the authority to issue such further order(s) as the Commissioner shall deem just, necessary, and appropriate to enforce the Act and protect the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

## DIVISION OF MORTGAGE LENDING

By:
Cathy Sheehy, Commissioner

## III. NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING ON CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AND ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND INVESTIGATIVE COSTS

NAC 645F.850 authorizes the Commissioner to issue a cease and desist order, from certain activities: (NRS 645F.255, 645F.390).

- 1. If a person engages in an activity in violation of the provisions of the Nevada Covered Service Provider Regulations or chapter 645F of NRS or an order of the Commissioner, the Commissioner may issue an order to the person directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the activity.
- 2. The order to cease and desist must be in writing and must state that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, the person has engaged in an activity:
  - (a) For which the person has not received a license as required by the Nevada Covered Service Provider Regulations or chapter 645F of NRS; or
  - (b) In a manner that violates the provisions of the Nevada Covered Service Provider regulations or chapter 645F of NRS or an order of the Commissioner.
- 3. A person who receives an order to cease and desist pursuant to this section shall not engage in any activity governed by the Nevada Covered Service Provider Regulations or chapter 645F of NRS after receiving the order unless the order is suspended or rescinded.
- 4. Not later than 20 calendar days after receiving an order pursuant to this section, the person who receives the order may file a verified petition with the Commissioner to request a hearing. Upon receipt of the verified petition, the Commissioner may, for good cause shown, suspend the order pending the hearing. The Commissioner will hold the hearing on a date not later than 30 calendar days after the date the petition is filed unless the Commissioner and the person agree to another date. The order to cease and desist is rescinded if the Commissioner fails to:
  - (a) Hold a hearing:
    - (1) Not later than 30 calendar days after the date the petition is filed; or
    - (2) On a date agreed to by the Commissioner and the person; or
  - (b) Render a written decision within 45 days after the date the hearing is concluded.

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5. The decision of the Commissioner after a hearing is a final decision of the Division for the purposes of judicial review.

NAC 645F.855 Notice of and hearing on certain orders of Commissioner; entry of final order; appeal of final order taking disciplinary action. (NRS 645F.255, 645F.390).

- 1. If the Commissioner enters an order taking any disciplinary action against a person, denying a person's application for a license, denying a provider the right to teach approved courses, denying the approval of a provider's course or denying the right of an instructor of a provider to teach an approved course or approved courses, the Commissioner will cause a written notice of the order to be served personally or sent by certified mail or telegram to the person.
- 2. Unless a hearing has already been conducted concerning the matter, the person, upon application, is entitled to a hearing. If the person does not make such an application within 20 days after the date of the initial order, the Commissioner will enter a final order concerning the matter.
- 3. A person may appeal a final order of the Commissioner taking any disciplinary action against the person in accordance with the provisions of chapter 233B of NRS that apply to a contested case.

## IV. REQUESTING A HEARING

If you wish to exercise your right to an opportunity for administrative hearing, within 20 calendar days (for the administrative fine) or 30 calendar days (for the cease and desist) after receiving this Notice, you must file a verified petition with the Commissioner to request a hearing. A form for such request is provided below. The verified petition must be delivered to:

Division of Mortgage Lending Attn: Jennifer Hill 3300 West Sahara Avenue, Suite #285 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

If you fail to timely file a verified petition to request a hearing, your right to a hearing to contest this matter will be deemed waived and relinquished and a final order will be issued and entered in this matter.