BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF:

GREGORY WAYNE MARR, Embalmer License EMB905R

Respondent.

Case No. FB24-02

CONSENT DECREE

The State of Nevada Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services ("BOARD") having jurisdiction over GREGORY WAYNE MARR, Embalmer License No. EMB905R ("RESPONDENT"), pursuant to NRS 642.130; and in consideration of his 2024 Embalmer License Renewal application and allegations concerning prior administrative discipline not previously disclosed, a violation of the Nevada statutes and regulations controlling the practice of embalmers; and the parties being mutually desirous of settling the controversy between them relative to the pending matter;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF RIGHTS

RESPONDENT is aware of, understands, and has been advised of the effect of this Consent Decree, which he has carefully read and fully acknowledged. RESPONDENT has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel of his choice.

RESPONDENT has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Decree and is aware of his rights to contest the allegations. These rights include representation by an attorney at his own expense, the right to file an answer in response to a formal complaint, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations formally filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against them, the right to present evidence on their own behalf, the right to testify on their own behalf, the right to receive

written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the complaint, and the right to obtain judicial review of the decision. All of these rights are being voluntarily waived by RESPONDENT in exchange for the BOARD'S acceptance of this Consent Decree.

If the Consent Decree is not accepted by the BOARD, no member of the BOARD will be disqualified from further hearing of this matter, by reason of his or her consideration of the Consent Decree. RESPONDENTS hereby waive any claim of bias or prejudice based upon said consideration by any member of the BOARD in any subsequent disciplinary hearing conducted by the BOARD.

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has jurisdiction over him and the conduct alleged in this matter. RESPONDENT acknowledges that the BOARD has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the revocation of licenses to practice as an embalmer in Nevada.

RESPONDENTS acknowledge that the BOARD will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree have been met to the satisfaction of the BOARD.

PUBLICATION OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT acknowledges that at the time this Consent Decree becomes effective, it also becomes a public document and will be reported to the State of Nevada, Legislative Council Bureau, Disciplinary Action Reporting System; and such other national databases as required by law. It is also understood that any meeting during which the BOARD considers and accepts or rejects this Consent Decree is open to the public and that the minutes of the BOARD meeting are a public document, available for inspection by any person so requesting.

INDEMNIFICATION

RESPONDENT, for themself, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby indemnifies and hold harmless the State of Nevada, the BOARD, the

Nevada Attorney General's office and each of its members, agents and employees in their individual and representative capacities against any and all claims, suits, demands, actions, debts, damages, costs, charges, and expenses, including court costs and attorney's fees against any persons entities as well as all liability, losses, and damages of any nature whatsoever that the persons and entities named in this paragraph shall have or may at any time sustain or suffer by reason of this investigation, this disciplinary action, this settlement or its administration.

STIPULATED FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

RESPONDENT understands the nature of the allegations under consideration by the BOARD. They acknowledge that the conduct alleged, if proven, constitutes violations of the Nevada Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services Practice Act (NRS and NAC 642). They further recognize that if this matter were to be taken to a disciplinary hearing before the BOARD, there is a substantial likelihood that the following allegations could be proven as true, and that as a result they would be subject to disciplinary action by the BOARD. As such, RESPONDENT does not contest the following allegations:

- 1. RESPONDENT was previously licensed as a Funeral Director and Embalmer in the State of California.
- 2. RESPONDENT was the subject of numerous Administrative Citations issued by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, to include citation numbers: 1) IC2013 76; 2)IC2013 254; 3) IC2013 464; 4) IC2014 197; 5) IC2015 58; 6) IC 2017 323; 7) IC 2017 410; 8) IC2018 26; 9) IC2018 103; 10) IC 2018 226; 11) IC2018 262; 12) IC 2018 376; 13) IC2018 377; 14) IC2019 116; 15) IC2019 251; 16) IC2020 160; 17) IC2020 161; 18) IC 2021 77; 19) IC2021 311; 20) IC2021 312; 21) IC2021 77; 22) IC2022 46; 23) IC 2022 148; 24) IC 2022 149; 25) IC 2022 285; 26) IC 2022 348; and 27) IC 2022 349. Many of these citations are related to violations concerning the financial transactions of clients.
- 3. On or about April 26, 2023, RESPONDENT submitted an application to the State of Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board for a Reciprocal Embalmer License.

- 4. On the above-mentioned application, to the question "Has there ever been a complaint filed, investigation, or legal action taken against any professional license you have held for any reason?", RESPONDENT answered YES.
- 5. On the above-mentioned application, in response to the instruction "If you answer "YES" to any of the above Questions (to include the question listed above herein) a Legal Reporting Form must be completed..." RESPONDENT submitted a Legal Reporting Form stating "I had a complaint filed in 2021 against my crematory from the Northern Sierra Air Quality District for failing to renew my permit. An investigation was made by the California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, and I was fined a fee. I also was fined by the Air Quality District as well. After paying both fines, my permit was renewed with no legal action taken."
- 6. Although RESPONDENT described one instance of being investigated by the California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau, he failed to mention the other 26 administrative citations (and associated investigations) from the California Cemetery and Funeral Bureau listed above.
- 7. Based on the application submitted, RESPONDENT was ultimately issued his embalmer license from the Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board.
- 8. Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Services Board Executive Director Stephanie McGee became aware of the California citations and raised the issue with RESPONDENT. Executive Director McGee asked why he did not disclose that information to which he stated that he did not believe he needed to.
- RESPONDENT, on or about January 12, 2024, submitted his 2024 Embalmer
 License Renewal application with the State of Nevada Funeral and Cemetery Board.
- 10. On the renewal application, to the questions "Since the date your last license was issued, has there been legal or disciplinary action taken against any professional license held in any state for any reason?" and "Are there any pending legal actions, complaints, investigations or hearings concerning you in process?"; he answered YES to both.

- 11. On his Legal Reporting Form, RESPONDENT stated "I have an agreement with the Funeral Board of the State of California to surrender my license due to some administrative actions taken over the last several years. I believe that the Nevada Board is in possession of a list of these infractions." RESPONDENT did not mention any specific instances of any prior disciplinary action.
- 12. RESPONDENT provided misrepresentations in obtaining both his 2023 Reciprocal Embalmer License and his 2024 renewal Embalmer License.
- 13. NRS 642.130(4) states the Board may take disciplinary action against a person who is licensed to practice the profession of embalming pursuant to this chapter for fraud or misrepresentation in obtaining or attempting to obtain a license to practice the profession of embalming.
- 14. NRS 642.135 lists the authorized discipline for a violation of NRS 642.130, specifically NRS 642.135 states:
 - NRS 642.135 Authorized disciplinary action; private reprimands prohibited; orders imposing discipline deemed public records.
 - 1. If the Board determines that a person who is licensed to practice the profession of embalming pursuant to this chapter has committed any of the acts set forth in NRS 642.130, the Board may:
 - (a) Refuse to renew the license;
 - (b) Revoke the license;
 - (c) Suspend the license for a definite period or until further order of the Board;
 - (d) Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each act which constitutes a ground for disciplinary action;
 - (e) Place the person on probation for a definite period subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the Board;
 - (f) Administer a public reprimand; or
 - (g) Impose any combination of disciplinary actions set forth in this section.
- 15. RESPONDENT does not contest the allegations alleged and acknowledges that as a consequence they are subject to discipline pursuant to the above charges and statutory provisions.

STIPULATED ADJUDICATION

RESPONDENT stipulates that pursuant to the authority of NRS 642.130 and NRS 642.135, the BOARD will approve RESPONDENT'S renewal application and issue his renewed license, but will place RESPONDENT on probation subject to the following terms:

- 1. RESPONDENT's probation will last for three (3) years from the date of the approval and execution of this Consent Decree.
- 2. RESPONDENT waives any rights or abilities granted to him as an embalmer by NAC 642.165, which states:

NAC 642.165 Certain functions only to be performed by licensed funeral arranger, funeral director or embalmer. (NRS 642.063)

- 1. The following functions may be performed only by a licensed funeral arranger, funeral director or embalmer:
- (a) Selling or offering to sell at-need funeral services, embalming, cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person on an at-need basis.
- (b) Planning or arranging the details of at-need funeral services, embalming, cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person with families or other persons authorized pursuant to NRS 451.024 to order the disposition of the decedent's remains.
- (c) Negotiating the financial arrangements for funeral services, embalming, cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person on an at-need basis.
- 2. As used in this section, "at-need" means at the time the goods or services are needed.
- 3. Specifically, during the time of probation, RESPONDENT WILL NOT 1) sell or offer to sell at-need funeral services, embalming, cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person on an at-need basis, 2) Plan or arrange the details of at-need funeral services, embalming, cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person with families or other persons authorized pursuant to NRS 451.024 to order the disposition of the decedent's remains, or 3) Negotiate the financial arrangements for funeral services, embalming,

cremation or other services relating to the disposition of human remains of a deceased person on an at-need basis.

- 4. During the time of probation, RESPONDENT WILL NOT be in any way involved in the financial transactions of the public as related to any funeral or cremation services.
- 5. Beginning on the date of the approval and execution of this Consent Decree, RESPONDENT will provide to the Executive Director a quarterly report, specifically on January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year.
- 6. The quarterly report will include a signed statement that RESPONDENT is in full compliance with this Consent Decree, and specifically in compliance with the terms of paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the Stipulated Adjudication listed above.
- 7. RESPONDENT agrees to complete 6 hours of ethics related continuing education units (CEU's) above and beyond what is otherwise required of him. These additional 6 hours of ethics related CEU's will be completed within 30 days of the approval and execution of this agreement.
- 8. RESPONDENT shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and orders of the BOARD, which are not inconsistent with this Consent Decree, pertaining to embalming in this State. Any and all violations shall be reported by RESPONDENT to the BOARD in writing within seventy-two (72) hours.
- 9. RESPONDENT agrees that he will be financially responsible for all requirements of this Consent Decree and any reasonable financial assessments by the Board for the cost of monitoring its compliance or carrying out the provisions of this Consent Decree.
- 10. After three (3) years from the approval and execution of the Consent Decree, RESPONDENT shall submit a written request to the BOARD for termination of the probation. RESPONDENT understands that prior to terminating the probation it must prove to the BOARD's satisfaction that it has complied with all the terms and conditions of the Consent Decree. The BOARD may request additional information from RESPONDENT

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to determine compliance with the terms of the Consent Decree and may require that its representative meet with the Executive Director and BOARD counsel for further evaluation of its compliance with the Consent Decree. If the BOARD does not request additional information or initiate any further investigation, the probation shall be automatically terminated.

VIOLATION OF TERMS OF CONSENT DECREE

RESPONDENT understands that the BOARD may, upon thirty (30) days' notice to RESPONDENT, convene a hearing for the limited purpose of establishing that they violated the terms of this Consent Decree. If such a hearing results in a finding of a violation of this Consent Decree, the BOARD may impose any penalty upon RESPONDENT authorized by NRS 642.135.

RESPONDENT agrees to waive their rights to appeal the substantive legal basis of any final decision of the Board, which was the basis for this Consent Decree. In the event an alleged violation of the Consent Decree is taken to hearing and the facts which constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no disciplinary action shall be taken by the BOARD.

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BOARD

This Consent Decree will be presented and accepted by the BOARD with a recommendation for approval from the Attorney General's Office at its next meeting.

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COMPLETE CONSENT DECREE

This Consent Decree embodies the entire agreement between the BOARD and RESPONDENT. It may not be altered, amended, or modified without the express written consent of the parties.

DATED this 12 day of February , 2024.

By: RESPONDENT

The foregoing Consent Decree between GREGORY WAYNE MARR, and the STATE OF NEVADA FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES BOARD in Case No. FB24-02 is approved as to form and content.

AARON D. FORD Attorney General

By: Isl Matthew Feeley **MATTHEW FEELEY** Deputy Attorney General Nevada Bar No. 13336 Attorneys for Petitioner State of Nevada, Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services

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ORDER

By a majority vote on the 14th day of Filman, 2024, the State of Nevada Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services approved and adopted the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Consent Decree with GREGORY WAYNE MARR.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE.

DATED this 1474 day of FEBRUARY , 2024.

By:

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Dr. Randy Snarp, Chairman for the Board of Funeral and Cemetery Services