Exhibit 1

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STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, Greg Warner, Ferrell Capital, Inc., Seville, LTD., Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, E Opportunities, LLC, Skye, LLC, Cabbage City, LLC, Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, Hvmken, LP, George Kellner, Kellner Capital, LLC, Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP, on the one hand (collectively, the "Defendants"); and Plaintiffs Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy (collectively, the "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated individuals, and as representatives of the Settlement Class, as these terms are defined in Section II below.

I. <u>RECITALS</u>

The following recitals are material terms of this Agreement, and all capitalized terms are used as defined in Section II, below, except as otherwise defined herein. This Agreement is made in contemplation of the following facts and circumstances.

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, Plaintiffs (except Tucker and Murphy) filed a putative class action complaint against Defendants (except Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP), in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-146 (DJN) (the "Action");

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2022, all of the Plaintiffs filed an amended class action complaint against all of the Defendants in the Action;

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2023, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "District Court") entered an order denying motions to dismiss in the Action;

WHEREAS, Defendants deny any and all claims alleged by Plaintiffs in the Action, further deny that any Plaintiffs or any members of the Settlement Class they purport to represent have suffered any injury or damage, have to date vigorously defended against the Action, and would if necessary defend against any claims that have or could be asserted against them in the Action;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have conducted an investigation of the legal claims at issue, by review and analysis of documents that Defendants provided in discovery and during settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and Defendants participated in extensive and separate settlement negotiations with one another and/or with United States Magistrate Judge Mark Colombell, including an in-person mediation on August 18, 2023, and numerous follow-up communications thereafter;

WHEREAS, based on the investigation and mediation sessions described above, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel have concluded that it would be in the best interests of the Settlement Class to enter into this Agreement in order to avoid the uncertainties of litigation and to assure benefits to the Settlement Class and that the settlement contemplated hereby is fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of all members of the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, Defendants deny all material allegations in the Action; deny that this case should be litigated rather than arbitrated; deny any fault, wrongdoing, or liability whatsoever arising out of or related to their business practices; deny that any of the Plaintiffs' claims are timely and affirmatively state that they are barred by the applicable statutes of limitations; affirmatively state that their practices have been lawful and proper; deny that resolution of the merits of the Action is

suitable for class treatment; and further deny liability to Plaintiffs or to others similarly situated, including all members of the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, Defendants are mindful that defending the Action would require them to expend significant time and money, and therefore have decided that it is in their best interest to resolve the Action on the terms set forth in this Agreement and do so solely for the purposes of avoiding the burden, expense, and uncertainty of continuing litigation, and to obtain the conclusive and complete dismissal of the Action and a fulsome and broad release of all Released Claims;

WHEREAS, the Parties understand, acknowledge, and agree that the execution of this Agreement constitutes the settlement and compromise of disputed claims that have been or could have been brought by or on behalf of Plaintiffs or the Settlement Class relating to the conduct by Defendants alleged in the Action; and

WHEREAS, execution of this Agreement is not, and shall not be construed as, an admission of wrongdoing or liability by Defendants, an admission that Defendants violated any provision of federal, state, or tribal law, or an admission that Defendants concede that class treatment of the Action is appropriate; and, further, this Agreement is inadmissible as evidence against any Party except to enforce the terms of the Settlement and is not an admission of wrongdoing or liability on the part of any Party to this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set forth herein, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, subject to the District Court's approval, that the Action below has been fully and finally resolved as to Defendants only upon and subject to the following terms and conditions:

II. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 2.1 "Action" means the case pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia referred to above in the recitals to this Agreement: *Blackburn v. A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc.*, No. 3:22-cv-146 (E.D. Va.).
- 2.2 "A.C. Israel Released Parties" means A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.
- 2.3 "Administrator" means American Legal Claims Services, LLC, who was the settlement administrator in *Hengle v. Asner*, Case 3:19-cv-250 (E.D. Va.).
- 2.4 "Cabbage City Released Parties" means (1) Cabbage City, LLC, individually and to the extent of its interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Cabbage City, LLC; and each of its entities under control, predecessors-in-interest, successors, reorganized successors, managers, employees, contractors, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys; and (2) Bari Freiden, Floyd Freiden, Barry Kaseff, Price Family Partnership #1, Cabbage City Partnership, Howard Kalender,

Sherri Kalender, Geoffrey Friedman Trustee, Leah Langert, Lauren A. Friedman Trust, Leslee Friedman, Laura Belozer, Ken Friedman, Caryn Friedman, Doris Chopp, Lee Goodman, Mark Klein, Mark Gordon Revocable Trust, Ray Wynant, Arthur Liebenthal Revocable Trust, Misplaced Surfer Investment, Allan Gallas, Bruce Riesman, Michelle Riesman, Kalender Family Investment, David Porter, Carol Porter, Porter Family Limited Partnership, Dennis P. Deluca Trust, Veco Holdings, Eric Kaseff, Carozza-Loeffler, LP, Frank Loeffler, Ilene Simon Revocable Trust, Nancy Jane Brown Trust, Revocable Trust of Lisa A. Bernard, Jerome Davidow Revocable Trust Joint, John Parisi, Ellen S. Goldman, Howard Feingold, PaulStar Corp., Anne Jacobs Revocable Trust, Michael L. Klein Living Trust, Myron and Susah Gersh CO Trustee, Jimby Investments LLC, PFF, Inc., Scott Ravis Trust, Singer Family Revocable Trust, Linda K. Block Trust, Stephen F. Rose, Steven Simon Revocable Trust, and Terry & Diane Van Der Tuuk Living Trust, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; and each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, reorganized successors, owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, investors, participants, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.

- 2.5 "CAFA Notice" refers to the notice made pursuant to the requirements imposed by 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b).
- 2.6 "Cash Award" means a cash payment to an eligible Settlement Class Member pursuant to Section 3.3(b)(ii) and (iii).

- 2.7 "Class Counsel" means Kelly Guzzo PLC, and Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C.
- 2.8 "Defendants" means the defendants named in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement.
- 2.9 "Direct Notice" means the notice that will be provided pursuant to Sections 5.3(a) and 5.3(b), subject to approval by the District Court, substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 1."
- 2.10 "District Court," referred to above in the recitals to this Agreement, means the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.
- 2.11 "Effective Date" means the date that the Final Approval Order becomes final for all purposes because either (i) the Court has entered the Final Approval Order and the time within which an appeal may be noticed and filed under Fed. R. App. P. 4(a) has lapsed; or (ii) if a timely appeal has been filed, the appeal is finally resolved, with no possibility of further appellate or other review, resulting in final judicial approval of this Settlement.
- 2.12 "Escrow Account" means one or more separate escrow account(s) maintained by the Escrow Agent(s) into which the Fund will be deposited for the benefit of the Settlement Class until such time as the Fund is transferred and distributed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- 2.13 "Escrow Agent" means a federally insured financial institution previously approved in such capacity by the Court as selected by Class Counsel, with reasonable right of refusal by Defendants, which shall receive and hold the monetary consideration described in Section 3.3(a) under the terms of this Agreement.
- 2.14 "Final Approval Order" means the Final Approval Order and Judgment to be entered by the District Court in the Action finally approving this Settlement and resolving all issues

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between the Parties, as provided for in Section VIII below, substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 3."

- 2.15 "Final Fairness Hearing" means the hearing at which the District Court will consider and finally decide whether to approve this Settlement, enter the Final Approval Order, and make such rulings as are contemplated by this Settlement.
- "Fund" means the following: (a) the aggregate amount of \$25,535,929.00 to be 2.16 paid as set forth herein by A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, Greg Warner, Ferrell Capital, Inc., Seville LTD., Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, E Opportunities, LLC, Skye, LLC, Cabbage City, LLC, Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, Hymken, LP, George Kellner, Kellner Capital, LLC, Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP in connection with (and as described in) this Agreement, of which: (1) A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner agree to pay \$6,000,000.00; (2) Ferrell Capital, Inc., and Seville, LTD agree to pay \$1,600,000.00; (3) Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, and E Opportunities, LLC, agree to pay \$3,000,000.00; (4) Skye, LLC agrees to pay \$150,000.00; (5) Cabbage City, LLC, agrees to pay \$1,524,724.00; (6) Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP, agree to pay \$60,000.00; (7) George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC, agree to pay \$4,269,293.00; and (8) Unnamed Hvmken Limited Partners agree to pay \$5,156,878 and \$275,034 respectively for a total of \$5,431,912, which Kellner Capital, LLC will have the legal obligation to pay; and (9) Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP agree to pay \$3,500,000.00. Each of the above identified parties shall be jointly and severally liable for the total amount of their respective contribution within each

subsection (1) through (9) of this Section 2.16, but the foregoing payments identified in Section 2.16(1) - (9) shall otherwise be several, not joint.

- 2.17 *Hengle* refers to the case filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia captioned as *Hengle v. Asner*, Case 3:19-cv-250 (E.D. Va.).
- 2.18 "Internet Notice" means notice through the Internet website created pursuant to Section 5.3(c) of this Agreement.
- 2.19 "Gravley Released Parties" means Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, investors, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, general partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.
- 2.20 "Joseph Released Parties" means Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, and E Opportunities, LLC, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, and E Opportunities, LLC; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries,

parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the formers' current and former owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, investors, participants, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.

- 2.21 "Kellner Released Parties" means George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC (including, but not limited to, Kellner Catalyst Fund, LP); each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, investors, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, related family members, executors, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.
- 2.22 "NCOA" means the United States Postal Service's National Change of Address database.
- 2.23 "NPA Entities" means National Performance Agency, LLC and NPA Investors, LP.
- 2.24 "Parties" means Defendants and Plaintiffs, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class.

- 2.25 "Plaintiffs" means Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy, individually and as representatives of the Settlement Class.
- 2.26 "Preliminary Approval Order" means an order to be entered by the District Court, as provided for in Section 7.1 below, substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 2."
- 2.27 "Raizada Released Parties" means Amit Raizada, Raizada Group, LLLP, and Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Amit Raizada, Raizada Group, LLLP, and Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc.; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.
- 2.28 "Released Claims" means the claims released by this Agreement as set forth in Section IV.
- 2.29 "Released Parties" means the A.C. Israel Released Parties, the Seville Released Parties, the Joseph Released Parties, the Skye Released Parties, the Cabbage City Released Parties, the Gravley Released Parties, the Kellner Released Parties, and the Raizada Released Parties, both individually and collectively.
 - 2.30 "Settlement" means the settlement set forth and identified in this Agreement.

- 2.31 "Settlement Class" means all consumers residing within the United States who executed a loan agreement with any of (1) Golden Valley Lending, Inc.; (2) Silver Cloud Financial, Inc.; (3) Majestic Lake Financial, Inc.; or (4) prior to February 1, 2021, Mountain Summit Financial, Inc.
- 2.32 "Settlement Class Member" means a person in the Settlement Class who does not timely submit a valid request for exclusion from the Settlement Class.
- 2.33 "Seville Released Parties" means Seville, LTD and Ferrell Capital, Inc., individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Seville and Ferrell Capital; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, trusts, trustees, heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.
- 2.34 "Skye Released Parties" means Skye, LLC, individually and to the extent of their interests (directly or indirectly held) in any entity or trust associated in any way with the Tribal Corporations and/or the NPA Entities; any and all other entities or trusts owned in whole or part by Skye, LLC; each of their related entities and persons, controlling entities, entities under control, affiliates, subsidiaries, parent companies, predecessors-in-interest, successors, and reorganized successors; and each of the former's current and former owners, members (including, but not limited to, member funds), directors, officers, managers, investors, participants, trusts, trustees,

heirs, shareholders, employees, partners, limited partners, general partners, contractors, joint-venturers, representatives, assigns, agents, lenders, insurers, reinsurers, administrators, and attorneys.

- 2.35 "Taxes" means all taxes on income earned on the Fund (if any); taxes imposed on payments of the Fund, including withholding taxes; and reasonable expenses and costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Fund (including, without limitation, interest, penalties, and the reasonable expenses of tax attorneys and accountants).
- 2.36 "Tribal Corporations" means Golden Valley Lending, Inc.; Silver Cloud Financial, Inc.; Majestic Lake Financial, Inc.; Mountain Summit Financial, Inc.; and Upper Lake Processing Services, Inc.
- 2.37 "Unnamed Hvmken Limited Partners" means certain limited partners of Hvmken, L.P. who are not named Defendants in this Action, but who are participating in the Settlement by making monetary contributions.

III. TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT

3.1 <u>Class Certification.</u> Defendants dispute that a class would be manageable and further deny that a litigation class could be certified on the claims asserted in the Action. However, solely for purposes of avoiding the expense and inconvenience of further litigation, Defendants do not oppose the District Court's certification of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes only. No agreements made by Defendants in connection with this Agreement may be used by Plaintiffs, any Settlement Class Member, or any other person, to establish any of the elements of class certification in this or any other proceeding. Preliminary certification of a Settlement Class for settlement purposes shall not be deemed a concession that certification of a class is appropriate, nor are Defendants estopped or otherwise precluded from challenging class certification in further or other proceedings if this Settlement is not finally approved.

3.2 <u>Definition of the Settlement Class.</u> Solely for the purposes of this Settlement, the Parties agree to preliminary certification of the following Settlement Class:

All consumers residing within the United States who executed a loan agreement with any of (1) Golden Valley Lending, Inc.; (2) Silver Cloud Financial, Inc.; (3) Majestic Lake Financial, Inc.; or (4) prior to February 1, 2021, Mountain Summit Financial, Inc.

Excluded from the Settlement Class are Class Counsel and their immediate family members and staff, and all judges and justices of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States, as well as their immediate family members and staff.

Based on the loan level data previously furnished by the Tribal Corporations in connection with the *Hengle* settlement, Plaintiffs estimate that, under this definition, the Settlement Class consists of approximately 555,000 Settlement Class Members.

Certification of the Settlement Class will be sought pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3). All Settlement Class Members shall have the right to exclude themselves by way of the opt-out procedure set forth in Section 7.2 of this Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order.

3.3 <u>Settlement Consideration.</u> Pursuant to this Agreement, as full and complete consideration for the releases set forth below, Defendants will implement their respective monetary relief set forth as follows:

a. Monetary Consideration

i. Defendants A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner agree to pay a total amount of \$6,000,000.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. Defendants A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside

- Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner are joint and severally liable for the \$6,000,000.00 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.
- ii. Defendants Seville, LTD. and Ferrell Capital, Inc. agree to pay a total amount of \$1,600,000.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. Seville and Ferrell Capital are jointly and severally liable for the \$1,600,000.00 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.
- iii. Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, E
 Opportunities, LLC agree to pay a total amount of \$3,000,000.00 to the
 Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class.
 Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, E
 Opportunities, LLC are joint and severally liable for the \$3,000,000.00
 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any
 of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to
 this Settlement.
- iv. Skye, LLC agrees to pay a total amount of \$150,000.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. Skye, LLC is not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.

- v. Cabbage City, LLC agrees to pay a total amount of \$1,524,724.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. Cabbage City, LLC is not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.
- vi. Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP, agree to pay a total amount of \$60,000.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to compensate members of Settlement Class. Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP, are jointly and severally liable for the \$60,000.00 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.
- vii. George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC, agree to pay \$9,701,205.00 (\$4,269,293.00 from the George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC and \$5,431,912 from the Unnamed Hvmken Limited Partners) to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC, are joint and severally liable for the \$9,701,205.00 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.
- viii. Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP agree to pay agree to pay \$3,500,000.00 to the Fund as monetary consideration to members of the Settlement Class. Amit Raizada,

Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP are joint and severally liable for the \$3,500,000.00 payment to the Fund, but are not liable for any amount to be paid by any of the other Defendants or any other amounts arising from or relating to this Settlement.

b. Timing and Distribution of Monetary Consideration

- i. <u>Payments into the Escrow Account.</u> Monies will be placed into the Escrow Account, by wire payment, as follows:
 - A first installment shall be paid into the Escrow Account within ten
 (10) days after the entry of the Preliminary Approval Order in the
 Action as is set forth herein. The first installment shall be paid as
 follows: (1) Defendants A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside
 Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner in the amount of
 \$300,000.00; (2) \$160,000.00 by Defendants Seville, LTD. and
 Ferrell Capital, Inc.; (3) \$150,000 by Defendants Monu Joseph,
 Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, E
 Opportunities, LLC; (4) \$7,500 by Skye, LLC, (5) \$5,000 by Cabbage
 City, LLC, and (6) \$250,000.00 by George Kellner and Kellner
 Capital, LLC.
 - 2. Other than Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP, the remaining amounts of each Defendants' respective part of the Monetary Consideration shall by paid by the Defendants to the Escrow Account within three (3) business days after the Effective Date (the "Second Escrow Payment").

- 3. As to Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP, their payment schedule will be as follows: (a) \$1,500,000.00 by the Raizada Defendants within three (3) business days after the Effective Date or February 1, 2024, whichever is later; and (b) the remaining balance by the Raizada Defendants within one (1) year after the Effective Date or February 15, 2025, whichever is later. If the Raizada Defendants fail to make the \$1,500,000.00, then they agree that a consent judgment will be entered against them in the amount of \$10,000,000.00. If the Raizada Defendants make the initial payment of \$1,500,000.00, but fail to pay the remaining balance of \$2,000,000.00 within one (1) year of the Effective Date or February 15, 2025, whichever is later, then they agree that a consent judgment will be entered against them in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. A copy of the consent judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit 5. No such consent judgment will be entered against the Raizada Defendants unless and until a default occurs in connection with such payments as set forth above.
- 4. There shall be no reverter of any monies paid into the Fund.
- ii. Payments from the Escrow Account. The funds from the Escrow Account shall be distributed as follows: first, to pay any amount of service awards to Plaintiffs approved by the District Court and attorneys' fees and costs awarded by the District Court; second, to pay any other costs, fees, or expenses of notice and administration; and third, to pay Cash Awards.

Cash Awards to eligible Settlement Class Members shall be determined based on the following claim amounts:

<u>Tier 1:</u> The dollar amount of all payments made by each Settlement Class Member in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin so long as the Settlement Class Member fully repaid the principal amount of his or her loan.

<u>Tier 2</u>: The dollar amount of payments made above the identified interest limits if the original principal amount was repaid and if the Settlement Class Member resided in Alabama, Alaska, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Washington D.C., West Virginia, or Wyoming at the time the Settlement Class Member took out the loan; and

<u>Tier 3</u>: Settlement Class Members in Nevada and Utah will not receive cash payments.

For each Settlement Class Member who took out more than one loan during the class period, his or her Claim Amount shall be calculated by determining the Claim Amount for each loan and adding them together.

- iii. <u>Distributions to the Settlement Class.</u> Cash Awards shall be calculated and distributed to the Settlement Class Members as follows:
 - 1. <u>Pro Rata Calculations.</u> Each Settlement Class Member who repaid the principal amount borrowed and is in Tier 1 or Tier 2, shall be entitled to a Cash Award based on a proportionate calculation in consideration of their amounts paid. After calculation, Cash Awards shall be rounded down to the nearest cent. Cash Awards will be paid

- to Settlement Class Members only if their calculated Cash Award is equal to or greater than two dollars (\$2.00).
- 2. Payment of Cash Awards. Within 30 days after the Effective Date, the Administrator shall mail to each Settlement Class Member a check in the amount of such Settlement Class Member's Cash Award at the most recent address shown in the Tribal Officials' electronic records or as updated as a result of the *Hengle* settlement as maintained by the Administrator or as updated using the NCOA or any equivalent database or Settlement Class Members shall be advised that the checks must be deposited or cashed within ninety (90) days of the postmarked date. On the forty-fifth (45th) day following the mailing of all Cash Awards, the Administrator shall email all Settlement Class Members receiving a Cash Award a reminder to cash the check. After ninety (90) days from the date of mailing, each Cash Award check shall become void.
- 3. Remaining Funds. After the void date has passed, Plaintiffs and the Administrator shall confer regarding the disposition of uncashed settlement payments. Specifically, the Plaintiffs and the Administrator shall determine whether it is reasonable and feasible to make a second distribution to Settlement Class Members who cashed their initial checks. If it is determined by the Plaintiffs and the Administrator that it is reasonable and feasible, the Settlement Administrator shall distribute the remaining Fund using the same

procedure detailed in Sections 3.3(b)(ii)(1)–(45), except that second distribution payments shall not be made in amounts less than ten dollars (\$10.00) to those Class Members who cashed their first check. If any residual funds remain in the Fund after the second distribution, then such residual funds shall be paid, with the approval of the District Court pursuant to the *cy pres* doctrine to Feed More.

iv. Monthly Reports Regarding Distribution of the Fund. The Administrator will provide monthly reports to the Parties on the distribution of the Fund until such time as the Fund is fully paid to eligible recipients and depleted or distributed as set forth in this Section 3.4(c) and Section 5.2. The Administrator also shall notify counsel to the Parties in writing when settlement administration has been completed.

c. <u>Injunctive Relief</u>

- i. Defendants agree not to provide any capital, services, or assistance to the Tribal Corporations, as well as their successors in interest for a period of three (3) years following the Effective Date. The Defendants agree that they will not assist in the collection of any loans made by the Tribal Corporations, including any attempted collections by third parties of loans made by the Tribal Corporations, following the date of the Effective Date.
- 3.4 <u>Plaintiffs' Service Awards.</u> No later than thirty (30) days before the Final Fairness Hearing, Plaintiffs may apply to the District Court for Plaintiffs' service awards of \$15,000.00 each, totaling \$120,000.00. The Settlement is not conditioned upon the District Court's

approval of the service awards sought by Plaintiffs or any appellate review of the service awards. The service awards, if any, shall be paid to Plaintiffs no earlier than the Effective Date and no later than fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.

- 3.5 Attorneys' Fees and Costs. No later than thirty (30) days before the Final Fairness Hearing, Plaintiffs may apply to the District Court for an award of attorneys' fees and costs not to exceed one third of the Fund. Such attorneys' fees and costs will be paid from the Fund in an amount not to exceed one-third of the monetary consideration or \$8,511,967 and as approved by the District Court. The Settlement is not conditioned upon the District Court's approval of the attorneys' fees and costs sought by Plaintiffs or any appellate review of attorneys' fees and costs. The award of attorneys' fees and costs, if any, shall be paid to Class Counsel no earlier than the Effective Date and no later than fourteen (14) days after the Effective Date.
- 3.6 <u>Costs of Notice and Administration.</u> All costs of notice and administration are to be paid from the Settlement Fund.
- 3.7 Total Payments to the Fund by Defendants. In no event shall any of the Defendants be required to pay any amounts, costs or consideration beyond or separate from the amount of each of their respective contributions to the Fund as listed in §§ 2.16 and 3.3(a), inclusive of (i) the amount of the Fund as monetary consideration to the Settlement Class; (ii) Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and/or litigation costs; and (iii) any other fees or costs associated with this Settlement.

IV. RELEASES AND DISMISSAL

4.1 <u>Release</u>. Upon the Effective Date of this Settlement, the following releases shall be effective:

A.C. Israel Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class a. Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the A.C. Israel Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the A.C. Israel Released Parties.

b. <u>Cabbage City Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors,

predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Cabbage City Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Cabbage City Released Parties.

c. <u>Gravley Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Gravley Released Parties from any and all rights, duties,

obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Gravley Released Parties.

d. <u>Joseph Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Joseph Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer

protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Joseph Released Parties.

Kellner Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class e. Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, partners, attorneys, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Kellner Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Kellner Released Parties.

f. Raizada Released Parties. Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Raizada Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact

known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Raizada Released Parties.

Seville Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, g. on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Seville Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Seville Released Parties.

h. Skye Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Skye Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Skye Released Parties.

- i. The releases set forth in the immediately preceding paragraphs constitute a waiver of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code and any similar or comparable provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by the law of any state or territory of the United States or any jurisdiction, and any principle of common law, which provide: A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS THAT THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASAED PARTY. Plaintiffs and each Settlement Class Member understand and acknowledge the significance of these waivers of California Civil Code Section 1542 and/or of any other applicable law relating to limitations on releases. In connection with such waivers and relinquishment, Plaintiffs and each Settlement Class Member acknowledge that they are aware that they may hereafter discover facts in addition to, or different from, those facts which they now know or believe to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Settlement, but that they release fully, finally and forever all Released Claims, and in furtherance of such intention, the release will remain in effect notwithstanding the discovery or existence of any such additional or different facts.
- 4.2 <u>Scope of Release.</u> The releases in Section 4.1 shall apply to Plaintiffs and all Settlement Class Members as of the Effective Date of this Settlement. Any Settlement Class Members who do not wish to be subject to these releases shall have the right to exclude themselves

by way of the general opt-out procedures set forth in Section 7.2 of this Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order.

4.3 <u>Dismissal.</u> Upon entry of the Final Approval Order in this Action (and consistent with the terms therein), the Action and all Released Claims of Settlement Class Members shall be dismissed with prejudice, except as otherwise provided in the Final Approval Order or in the Agreement, without costs to any party.

V. <u>NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION</u>

- 5.1 <u>Settlement Administrator.</u> Subject to approval by the District Court, the Administrator shall be responsible for administering the Settlement in accordance with this Agreement and applicable orders from the Court. The Administrator may disburse money from the Fund only in accordance with this Agreement and applicable orders of the Court. The actions of the Administrator shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement. The Parties shall provide information reasonably requested by the Administrator pursuant to this Agreement.
- 5.2 <u>Costs of Notice and Administration.</u> All costs of notice and administration are to be paid from the Fund. Under no circumstances will Defendants be responsible for payment of any additional costs of notice and administration beyond or separate from their respective monetary contribution to the Fund.
- 5.3 <u>Class Notice.</u> Notice consistent with the due process requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 shall be provided within thirty (30) days following entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, as follows:
 - a. Direct Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 or as modified by the District Court with the consent of all Parties, will be sent via electronic mail (email) to Settlement Class Members within thirty (30) days after

the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order at the most recent email address shown in the data previously furnished by the Tribal Corporations, for the loan at issue.

- b. Direct Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 or as modified by the District Court with the consent of all Parties, will be mailed, via first class mail, to Settlement Class Members whose email notice results in a bounce-back email. Mailing addresses will be run once through the NCOA, or any other postal address verification database that the Administrator deems proper, prior to mailing. Returned Direct Notices will be re-mailed if they are returned within twenty (20) days of the postmark date of the Direct Notice and contain a forwarding address. No further e-mailed or mailed notice shall be required except as otherwise expressly provided herein.
- c. The Administrator will establish and continue to maintain the Internet site at www.upperlakesettlement.com, on which will be posted the Direct Notice as well as the public version of the Class Action Complaint; the Court's Memorandum Opinion, this Agreement; any motions and memoranda seeking approval of this Settlement, approval of attorneys' fees and costs, or approval of Named Plaintiffs' service awards; any orders of the District Court relating to this Settlement; and any other information the Parties believe necessary and appropriate. The Direct Notice shall direct recipients to the location of the Internet site. The website shall make available a form that allows Settlement Class Members to update their mailing addresses; Settlement Class Members may also contact the Administrator by telephone or mail to update their mailing addresses. Within sixty (60) days after

entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, the website shall allow Class Members to determine whether or not they are eligible for a Cash Award by entering their unique identifier (provided on the Direct Notice or available by calling the Administrator) and last name. The website shall be updated with the case materials referenced above within ten (10) days after the District Court's entry of the Preliminary Approval Order and shall remain active until at least 30 days after administration of the Settlement has concluded. The Parties shall have the right to audit the work of the Claims Administrator at any time.

- d. Defendants shall be responsible to ensure compliance with the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act ("CAFA"), and approval dates will be set in accordance with CAFA. Defendants, either jointly or individually, shall be permitted to request that the Settlement Administrator assist in ensuring compliance with the notice provisions of CAFA using the data previously furnished by the Tribal Corporations, the expense for which shall be paid from the Fund.
- 5.4 <u>Certification to the District Court</u>. No later than thirty (30) days before the Final Fairness Hearing, the Administrator and/or its designees shall file a declaration with the District Court verifying that notice has been provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with this Agreement and the District Court's Preliminary Approval Order.

VI. <u>DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u>

6.1 <u>Dispute Resolution.</u> The Parties agree to meet and confer in good faith in regard to any dispute relating to this Settlement or to administration of this Settlement. Any dispute that cannot be resolved by the Parties shall be submitted, not earlier than thirty (30) days after written notice of the dispute was first given, to United States Magistrate Judge Mark Colombell for a recommendation. In the event any Party disagrees with the written recommendation, the Party

must file a motion in the Action to address the issue within ten (10) days of receiving the recommendation.

VII. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL ORDER AND FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING

7.1 <u>Preliminary Approval Order.</u> Class Counsel will seek the District Court's approval of this Settlement by filing an appropriate Motion for Preliminary Approval and seeking entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

7.2 Opt-Out/Requests for Exclusion from Settlement.

- a. Requests for Exclusion. Prospective Settlement Class Members shall be given the opportunity to opt out of the Settlement Class. All requests by prospective Settlement Class Members to be excluded must be in writing and mailed to the Administrator, postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days before the Final Approval Hearing. An appropriate written request for exclusion can be found on the website in the form of Exhibit 4 or must be personally signed by the prospective Settlement Class Member and must include: (i) the name of this Action; (ii) the prospective Settlement Class Member's name, address and telephone number; and (iii) the following statement: "I request to be excluded from the class settlement in this case." No Settlement Class Member, or any person acting on behalf of or in concert or participation with that Settlement Class Member, may exclude any other Settlement Class Member from the Settlement Class.
- b. <u>Delivery to Parties/Filing with District Court.</u> The Administrator shall provide copies of the original requests for exclusion to the Parties by no later than five (5) days after the opt-out deadline. Not later than thirty (30) days before the

Final Fairness Hearing, the Administrator shall file with the District Court a declaration that lists all the opt-outs received.

c. <u>Effect.</u> All prospective Settlement Class Members who timely exclude themselves from the Settlement Class will not be eligible to receive any consideration pursuant to this Agreement and will not be bound by any further orders or judgment in this Action and will preserve their ability to independently pursue any individual claims they may have against the Released Parties. In the event of ambiguity as to whether a Settlement Class Member has requested to be excluded, the Settlement Class Member shall be deemed not to have requested exclusion.

7.3 Objections to Settlement.

- a. Right to Object. Any Settlement Class Member who has not previously opted out as provided in Section 7.2 may appear at the Final Fairness Hearing to argue that the Agreement should not be approved and/or to oppose the service awards to Plaintiffs. Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to object to the Agreement must file a written objection with the District Court no later than the date specified by subsection (b) of this section. Settlement Class Members who fail to timely file and serve written objections shall be deemed to have waived any objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objection (whether by appeal or otherwise) to this Agreement.
- b. <u>Deadline.</u> Any such objection must be filed or submitted by mail to the District Court in a writing postmarked no later than forty-five (45) days before the Final Approval Hearing. Copies of all objections must also be mailed or e-mailed

to the Administrator, who shall forward by email immediately upon receipt copies of the objections and all related papers to counsel for the Parties.

- c. <u>Content of Objections.</u> All objections must include: (i) the name of this Action; (ii) the objector's name, address and telephone number; (ii) a sentence confirming that he or she is a Settlement Class Member; (iii) any factual basis and legal grounds for the objection to the Agreement; and (iv) a list of any prior cases in which the objector's counsel have objected to a class settlement. Counsel representing an objecting Settlement Class Member must enter an appearance in this Action.
- d. The right to object to the Settlement must be exercised individually by a Settlement Class Member or through his or her attorney, and not as a member of a group, class, or subclass.

VIII. FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND OTHER CONDITIONS

- 8.1 <u>Final Approval Order.</u> On a date to be set by the District Court, Plaintiffs will petition the District Court to enter the Final Approval Order in this Action in the form attached as Exhibit 3. The Final Approval Order that the Parties propose to the District Court will provide:
 - a. That the Action, for purposes of this Agreement, may be maintained as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class;
 - b. That Plaintiffs fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class;
 - c. That Class Counsel fairly and adequately represent Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class;
 - d. That the Direct Notice and Internet Notice satisfy the requirements of due process, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and any other applicable laws;

- e. That the Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class and that each Settlement Class Member shall be bound by the Agreement, including the releases contained in Section IV above;
- f. That the Agreement represents a fair resolution of all claims asserted on behalf of the Settlement Class and fully and finally resolves all such claims;
- g. That this Agreement should be, and is, approved;
- h. The amounts of Plaintiff service awards;
- i. Confirmation of the opt outs from the Agreement;
- j. Overruling of objections, if any;
- k. Dismissal of the Action, on the merits and with prejudice, of all claims and an injunction prohibiting all Settlement Class Members or their representatives or privies from bringing, joining, or continuing to prosecute against the Released Parties any Released Claims and entering judgment thereon; and
- 1. Retention of jurisdiction of all matters relating to the modification, interpretation, administration, implementation, effectuation and enforcement of this Agreement.

IX. <u>TERMINATION OF SETTLEMENT</u>

9.1 <u>Non-Approval of Settlement.</u> If the District Court declines to preliminarily or finally approve, or requires modification of the Agreement, the Parties shall request that the Action be stayed as to Defendants for a period of thirty (30) days to allow the Parties to meet and confer in good faith with regard to how to address any questions raised and/or changes required by the District Court, including whether to accept the Agreement as modified by the District Court or modify the Agreement for resubmission to the District Court for approval. If within thirty (30) days after entry of the District Court's order denying preliminary or final approval or requiring

material modification of the Agreement, the Parties do not agree to accept the Agreement as modified by the District Court or fail to agree to modify the Agreement for resubmission to the District Court for approval, any Party may unilaterally terminate the Agreement by providing written notice of this election to all Parties. In such an event, nothing in this Agreement or filed in connection with seeking settlement approval shall be construed as an admission or concession of any fault, wrongdoing, or liability of any kind, nor are Defendants estopped or otherwise precluded from challenging any of the allegations in further proceedings in the Action or any other action. Moreover, the Parties shall be deemed to have preserved all of their rights or defenses as of the date that Plaintiffs initiated the Action and shall not be deemed to have waived any substantive or procedural rights of any kind that they may have as to each other or any member of the Settlement Class. Likewise, in the event that this Agreement is approved without material modification by the District Court, but is later reversed or vacated on appeal, each of the Parties shall have the right to withdraw from this Agreement and return to the status quo ante as of the date that Plaintiffs initiated the Action for all litigation purposes, as if no agreement had been negotiated or entered into, and shall not be deemed to have waived any substantive or procedural rights of any kind that they may have as to each other or any member of the Settlement Class.

9.2 <u>Right to Withdraw for Excessive Opt-Outs</u>. If the number of Settlement Class Members who request exclusion exceeds 5% of the Settlement Class, any one of the Defendants may withdraw from this Agreement in his, her, or its sole discretion and the Plaintiffs and such withdrawing Defendant(s) shall be returned to the status quo ante as to such withdrawing Defendant(s) as of the time that Plaintiffs initiated the Action for all litigation purposes, as if no settlement had been negotiated or entered into with such withdrawing Defendant(s). If one or more of the Defendants exercises this right to withdraw from this Agreement, it shall provide Class

Counsel with written notice of this election no later than twenty (20) days after the opt-out deadline. The withdrawal of a Defendant from this Settlement pursuant to this section shall not affect the Settlement's validity, enforceability, or terms as to the remaining Parties.

X. TAX TREATMENT OF THE FUND

10.1 The dollar amounts of the Fund held in the Escrow Account shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court until the Effective Date. After that date, the funds in the Escrow Account shall belong to the beneficiaries of the Settlement, for the payment of attorney's fees and costs, taxes (if any), Plaintiffs' service awards, and funding of Cash Awards to Settlement Class Members. Such funds shall not escheat and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the money in the Fund shall be disbursed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or further Order of the Court.

Regulation §1.468B-1 et seq. by the Settlement Administrator subject to the terms of this Agreement and the Court's preliminary and final approval orders. The Parties agree that the Escrow Account is intended to be maintained as a "qualified settlement fund" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1. The Settlement Administrator shall timely make, or cause to be made, such elections as necessary or advisable to carry out the provisions of this Paragraph, including the "relation-back election" (as defined in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-1) back to the earliest permitted date. Such election shall be made in compliance with the procedures and requirements contained in such regulations. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Settlement Administrator to timely and properly prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, the necessary documentation for signature by all necessary parties, and thereafter take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to cause the appropriate filing(s) to occur.

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- For the purposes of Section 468B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Treasury Regulation § 1.468B promulgated thereunder, the "administrator" shall be the Settlement Administrator, who shall be responsible for timely and properly filing, or causing to be filed, all informational and other federal, state, or local tax returns necessary or advisable with respect to the earnings on the Fund deposited in the Escrow Account (including without limitation the returns described in Treas. Reg. § 1.468B-2(k)). Those tax returns (as well as the election described above) shall be consistent with this subparagraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes (including any estimated taxes, earnings, or penalties) on income earned on the Funds deposited in the Escrow Account (if any) shall be paid out as provided in this Agreement. Notwithstanding this obligation, the Parties agree that the Fund will not earn income.
- ii. All Taxes shall be paid by the Escrow Agent out of the Settlement Fund.
- iii. Taxes (if any) shall be treated as, and considered to be, a cost of administration of the Settlement and shall be timely paid, or caused to be paid, by the Escrow Agent out of the Fund without prior order from the Court, and the Escrow Agent and the Settlement Class Administrator shall be obligated (notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary) to withhold from distribution to eligible Settlement Class Members any funds necessary to pay such amounts (as well as any amounts that may be required to be withheld under Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(1)(2)).
- iv. Settlement Class Members shall provide any and all information that the

Settlement Class Administrator may reasonably require or that is required by applicable law regarding Taxes and filings and reporting for Taxes, before any distributions are made to Settlement Class Members as contemplated hereby, and the Settlement Class Administrator may, without liability to the Settlement Class Members, delay those distributions unless and until such information is provided in the form required by the Settlement Class Administrator. The Settlement Class Administrator shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the disclosure and submission burden on Settlement Class Members.

XI. <u>MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</u>

- 11.1 <u>Further Assurance.</u> Each of the Parties shall execute all documents and perform all acts necessary and proper to effectuate the terms of this Agreement.
- 11.2 <u>No Admission of Liability.</u> It is expressly recognized and accepted by Plaintiffs that Defendants deny any liability and that Defendants are settling solely to avoid the cost and inconvenience of litigation.
- document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Agreement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of Defendants; or (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of Defendants in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency, or other tribunal. In addition, except for purposes of demonstrating the validity of this Agreement or its terms, neither the fact of, nor any documents relating to, any Defendant's withdrawal from the Agreement, any failure of the District Court to approve the Agreement, and/or objections or interventions may be used as evidence for any

purpose whatsoever. Defendants may file this Agreement in any action or proceeding that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

- 11.4 <u>Consent to Jurisdiction for Enforcement.</u> Defendants agree that for settlement purposes only, and without waiving any objections or arguments in this or any other case, including as to personal jurisdiction, to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for the sole purpose of enforcement of the Agreement.
- and among the parties with respect to the settlement of the Action as to Defendants. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations and agreements. The Parties, and each of them, represent and warrant that no other party or any agent or attorney of any of the Parties has made any promise, representation, or warranty whatsoever not contained in this Agreement and the other documents referred to in this Agreement to induce them to execute the same. The Parties, and each of them, represent and warrant that they have not executed this Agreement, or the other documents referred to in this Agreement, in reliance on any promise, representation or warranty not contained in this Agreement and the other documents referred to in this Agreement and the other documents referred to in this Agreement and the other documents referred to in this Agreement.
- 11.6 <u>Confidentiality.</u> Subject to order of the District Court, any and all drafts of this Agreement and other settlement documents relating to the negotiations between the Parties will remain confidential and will not be disclosed or duplicated except as necessary to obtain preliminary and/or final court approval. This provision will not prohibit the Parties from submitting this Agreement to the District Court in order to obtain preliminary and/or final approval of the settlement.

- 11.7 <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the heirs, successors, and assigns of the Parties.
- 11.8 <u>Immediate Suspension of Proceedings.</u> The Parties agree to stay the Action as to Defendants. The Parties shall request that the Action be stayed to allow the Settlement to be completed, maintaining the procedural posture of the case pending final approval.
- 11.9 <u>Competency of the Parties.</u> The Parties, and each of them, acknowledge, warrant, represent, and agree that in executing and delivering this Agreement, they do so freely, knowingly, and voluntarily, that they had an opportunity to and did discuss its terms and their implications with legal counsel of their choice, that they are fully aware of the contents and effect of this Agreement, and that such execution and delivery is not the result of any fraud, duress, mistake, or undue influence whatsoever.
- 11.10 <u>Authority.</u> Each Plaintiff and each Defendant warrants that he, she, or it is authorized to sign this Agreement.
- 11.11 <u>Modification</u>. No modification of or amendment to this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and signed by all Parties hereto or agreed to on the record in the District Court.
- 11.12 Construction. Each of the Parties has cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. Hence, in any construction to be made of this Agreement, the Agreement shall not be construed against any of the Parties. Before declaring any provision of this Agreement invalid, the District Court shall first attempt to construe the provision as valid to the fullest extent possible consistent with applicable precedent so as to find all provisions of this Agreement valid and enforceable. After applying this rule of construction and still finding a provision invalid, the District Court shall thereupon interpret the invalid provision to the fullest extent possible to

otherwise enforce the invalid provision. The invalidity of any one provision shall not render this

Agreement otherwise invalid and unenforceable unless the provision found to be invalid materially

affects the terms of this Agreement after application of the rules of construction set forth in this

paragraph.

11.13 No Waiver. The failure of any of the Parties to enforce at any time any provision

of this Agreement shall not be construed to be a waiver of such provision, or any other provision,

nor in any way to affect the validity of this Agreement or any part hereof, or the right of any of the

Parties thereafter to enforce that provision or each and every other provision. No waiver of any

breach of this Agreement shall constitute or be deemed a waiver of any other breach.

11.14 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced

in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including all matters of

construction, validity, performance, and enforcement and without giving effect to the principles of

conflict of laws.

11.15 Notices/Communications. All requests, demands, claims,

communications hereunder shall: (a) be in writing; (b) delivered by U.S. mail and electronic mail;

(c) be deemed to have been duly given on the date received; and (d) be addressed to the intended

recipient as set forth below:

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11.16 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts and, if so executed, the various counterparts shall be and constitute one instrument for all purposes and shall be binding on each of the Parties that executed it, provided, however, that none of the Parties shall be bound unless and until all Parties have executed this Agreement. For convenience, the several signature pages may be collected and annexed to one or more documents to form a complete counterpart. Photocopies of executed copies of this Agreement may be treated as originals.

11.17 <u>Cooperation</u>. The Parties, and their respective counsel, agree to cooperate with each other and do all things reasonably necessary to obtain preliminary approval of the Settlement; to obtain final approval of the Settlement; and to otherwise ensure that a fully effective final approval of the Settlement occurs. In the event the District Court disapproves or sets aside this Agreement or any material part hereof for any reason, then the Parties will either jointly agree to accept the Agreement as modified by the Court or engage in negotiations in an effort to jointly agree to modify the Agreement for resubmission to the District Court for approval.

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Exhibit 1

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If You Obtained a Loan from Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake or Mountain Summit, You Could Get a Cash Payment.

A federal court ordered this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

- Read this Notice. It states your rights and provides you with information regarding the settlement of a proposed nationwide Class Action ("Settlement") against individuals and entities involved with the making of online loans in the name of Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, and Mountain Summit. The settling parties, listed below, are referred to here as "Defendants."
- This Notice is a summary of information about the Settlement and explains your legal rights and options because you are a member of the class of borrowers who will be affected if the Settlement is approved by the Court. The complete terms of the proposed Settlement are available at the Settlement website, www.upperlakesettlement.com. You may also contact Class Counsel for further details and advice.
- A lawsuit was brought on behalf of all individuals who obtained a loan from Golden Valley, Silver Cloud and/or Majestic Lake, regardless of the date of the loan, and all individuals who obtained a loan from Mountain Summit prior to February 1, 2021. The lawsuit claimed that Defendants participated in an enterprise to offer loans through these entities at annual interest rates greater than what is permitted by state laws. Defendants deny all allegations in this lawsuit.
- The lawsuit follows an earlier suit relating to the same loans that resulted in cancellation of the loans at issue and cash payments to some Class Members.
- As part of the proposed Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay into a settlement fund, which will be used to make cash payments to some Class Members who meet specific criteria. Defendants have also agreed not to provide support to Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, or Mountain Summit for at least three (3) years, or to assist with collection of any loans at issue in this lawsuit.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT		
DO NOTHING	You will remain a member of the Settlement Class and may be eligible for benefits, including cash payments. You will give up rights to ever sue Defendants and other, related parties about the legal claims that are in or could have been brought in this lawsuit.	
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	You can opt out of the Settlement and you will not be eligible for any benefits, including any cash payments. This is the only option that allows you to keep any rights you have to bring, or to become part of, another lawsuit involving the claims being settled. There is no guarantee that another lawsuit would be successful or would lead to a larger or better recovery than this Settlement.	
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT	If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you may write to the Court about why you don't like the Settlement or why the Court should not approve it.	

1. WHY IS THERE A NOTICE?

This Notice is about a proposed nationwide Settlement that will be considered by the United States District Court in Richmond, Virginia (the "Court"). The Settlement must be approved by the Court.

The Plaintiffs' claims are being settled in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in the case styled, *Sherry Blackburn, et al. v. A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc., et al.,* Case No. 3:22-cv-146.

2. WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

The claims involved in the Settlement arise out of loans made in the name of Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake and Mountain Summit, which are owned by the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Native American tribe (the "Tribe").

The Plaintiffs in this case claim that Defendants, who are individuals and entities unaffiliated with the Tribe, violated federal and state laws by making and collecting loans with annual interest rates in excess of the amount allowed by state laws.

Defendants vigorously deny any wrongdoing and the facts of Plaintiffs' claims. They assert that the loans are legal because, among other reasons, (1) the rates and terms were authorized under the respective laws of the Tribe, and (2) the borrowers each explicitly agreed that tribal laws governed the loan(s). Defendants also defend against the Plaintiffs' claims on numerous other grounds, including the expiration of the applicable statutes of limitation and that they were passive investors who were uninvolved in the operation or management of the lending enterprise.

Important case documents, including the Complaint, may be accessed at the Settlement Website, www.upperlakesettlement.com.

3. WHY IS THIS A CLASS ACTION?

In a class action or proceeding, one or more people, called class representatives, bring an action on behalf of people who have similar claims. All of the people who have claims similar to the class representatives are a class or class members, except for those who exclude themselves from the class. Here, the Plaintiffs have filed a lawsuit on behalf of the Class against the Defendants based on the Defendants' alleged involvement in, and support of, the lending scheme.

4. How do I know if I am included in the settlement?

You are a member of the Settlement Class and will be affected by the Settlement if you obtained a loan from Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, and/or Majestic Lake at any time, or if you obtained a loan from Mountain Summit prior to February 1, 2021.

If you received this Notice, we believe you are a member of the Settlement Class and you will be a Settlement Class Member unless you exclude yourself.

5. WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

Defendants have agreed to provide the following benefits and others more fully described at the Settlement website, www.upperlakesettlement.com:

<u>Cash Payments:</u> A \$24,511,205.00 fund will be created from contributions by the Defendants to provide additional cash payments to Class Members. If the Court approves the Settlement, and if you are entitled to any payment, a check for your portion will be automatically mailed to you.

The amount of any cash payment to you will depend on what you paid in principal and/or what you paid in interest above your state's legal limits, as well as the amount of money available in the settlement fund. The list of rates by state used in this Settlement is available on the Settlement Website, www.upperlakesettlement.com. You will only get a proportionate share of the recovery

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because the total amount of the settlement funds available likely will not be enough to pay everyone the full amount paid on their loan). You may also go to the website to determine if you will receive a payment, and you can contact the Settlement Administrator using the contact information below to get an estimate of the amount you likely would receive if the Settlement is approved. The cash payments made as part of this Settlement are in addition to the cash payment(s), if any, that you may have received as part of the separate settlement of the earlier, related litigation in *George Hengle, et al. v. Scott Asner, et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-250, unless you excluded yourself from (or "opted out" of) that settlement.

The Settlement Administrator will mail a check with your cash payment, if any, to the same address as this Notice, so please update your address if you move.

You will **not** receive a cash payment, but will receive other benefits, if you:

- Did not make any payments on your loan with Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, or Mountain Summit; or
- Lived in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin and did not make payments above the full principal amount of your loan; or
- Lived in Alabama, Alaska, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Washington D.C., and Wyoming and did not pay interest above your state's legal limits; or
- Lived in Utah or Nevada (which had no interest rate restrictions).

Other Benefits: Defendants will agree not to provide capital, services, or assistance to Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, or Mountain Summit, as well as their successors, for a period of three (3) years, and will not participate in the collection of any of the loans at issue in the lawsuit, regardless of whether you have made any payments on those loans.

6. What do I have to do to receive the benefits of the Settlement?

Nothing. If the Court approves the Settlement, the benefits described above will happen automatically. The Settlement Administrator will send an email after Final Approval to update you on what happened at the hearing. You can also check the website for an update or contact the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel if you have additional questions.

7. WHAT AM I GIVING UP TO GET A BENEFIT AND STAY IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?

Unless you exclude yourself, you are a member of the Settlement Class, and that means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendants concerning the claims relating to your Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake or Mountain Summit loans. This means that you will not be able to pursue or recover any additional money from the Defendants beyond the benefits of this Settlement. The Defendants against whom the Settlement Class will release all claims (also called the "Released Parties") include: (1) A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. (d/b/a "Ingleside Investors"); (2) Richard Investors, LLC; (3) Greg Warner; (4) Ferrell Capital, Inc.; (5) Seville, LTD; (6) Monu Joseph; (7) Joseph Investment, LLC; (8) Joseph NPA Investment, LLC; (9) E Opportunities, LLC; (10) Skye, LLC; (11) Cabbage City, LLC; (12) Benjamin Gravley; (13) Signal Light, LLC; (14) Hvmken, LP; (15) George Kellner; (16) Kellner Capital, LLC; (17) Amit Raizada; (18) Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc.; and (19) Raizada Group, LLLP, as well as their predecessors and successors and other related individuals and entities. The complete Release and list of Released Parties can be found in the Settlement Agreement, which is available on the Settlement website at www.upperlakesettlement.com.

Staying in the Class also means that any Court orders pertaining to this Settlement will apply to you and legally bind you

8. How do I exclude myself from the settlement?

To be excluded from (or to "opt out" of) this Settlement, you must send an "Exclusion Request" by mail. You may download a form to use from the Settlement website or you may send your own letter which must include:

- The name of this Action: "Blackburn v. A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc., No. 3:22-cv-146 (E.D. Va.)";
- Your name, address, and telephone number;

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- Last four digits of your social security number, or your account number with Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, or Mountain Summit;
- A statement that you want to be excluded: "I request to be excluded from the class settlement in this case"; and
- Your Signature.

Your Exclusion Request must be **postmarked** no later than Month ##, 2024, to:

9. HOW DO I TELL THE COURT THAT I OBJECT TO AND DO NOT LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

Objecting to the Settlement is different than Excluding yourself from the Settlement.

If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, you can object to the Settlement if you think the Settlement is not fair, reasonable, or adequate, and that the Court should not approve the Settlement. You also have the right to appear personally and be heard by the Court and the parties. The Court and Class Counsel will consider your views carefully.

To object, you must send a letter stating your views to each of the parties listed below:

COURT

Clerk of the Court United States District Court Eastern District of Virginia 701 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23219

SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Blackburn Settlement c/o Settlement Administrator P.O. Box ####
City, State #####-#####

You should include the docket number on the front of the envelope and letter you file to the Court: "EDVA USDC Case No. 3:22-cv-146".

All objections must include:

- The name of this Action: "Blackburn v. A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc., No. 3:22-cv-146 (E.D. Va.)";
- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A sentence confirming that you are a Settlement Class Member;
- The factual basis and legal grounds for the objection to the Settlement; and
- A list of any prior cases in which you or your counsel have objected to a class settlement. Counsel representing an objecting Settlement Class Member must enter an appearance in these cases. If you or your counsel want to appear personally at the hearings, you must state that in your Objection.

Objections must be filed with the above Court no later than Month ##, 2024, and served on the above parties so that they are postmarked no later than Month ##, 2024.

10. WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT?

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the Settlement.

The Eastern District of Virginia will hold a final hearing on the fairness of the Settlement on Month ##, 2024 at ##:00 a.m. in the courtroom of Judge David J. Novak of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 701 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219. At this hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

If there are objections or comments, the Court will consider them at that time. The hearing may be moved to a different date or time without additional notice. Please check www.upperlakesettlement.com or call 1-8##-#### to be kept up-to-date on the

date, time, and location of the hearing.

11. DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING?

No. But you are welcome to come at your own expense. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also retain a lawyer to appear on your behalf at your own expense.

12. DO I HAVE A LAWYER IN THE CASE?

Yes. The Court has appointed the following law firms as Class Counsel to represent you and all other members of the Settlement Class:

Kristi C. Kelly, Andrew J. Guzzo, Casey Nash, J. Patrick McNichol, and Matthew G. Rosendahl Kelly Guzzo, PLC 3925 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 202 Fairfax, VA 22030 Leonard A. Bennett and Craig C.
Marchiando
Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C.
763 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Suite 1A
Newport News, VA 23601

These lawyers will not separately charge you for their work on the case. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

13. HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

Class Counsel are permitted to ask the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed one third of the amount paid by Defendants, which is \$8,511,967. The amount awarded by the Court will reduce the distributions to Class Members.

Class Counsel will ask the Court to approve a \$15,000 payment to each of the eight individual Plaintiffs in this lawsuit, for a total of \$120,000. The Plaintiffs made substantial contributions in the prosecution of this lawsuit for the benefit of the Class. The Court will ultimately decide how much the individual Plaintiffs will be paid.

14. How do I get more information?

This Notice summarizes the proposed Settlement. You can get a copy of the Settlement Agreement and other relevant case-related documents by visiting www.upperlakesettlement.com, by calling the Settlement Administrator at 1-8##-####, Class Counsel at ###-####, or by contacting Class Counsel at the addresses above or by email to classcounsel@upperlakesettlement.com.

PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OR THE LITIGATION TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT, THE JUDGES, THE DEFENDANTS OR THE DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL. THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

Exhibit 2

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

SHERRY BLACKBURN, et al., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v. Case No: 3:22-cv-146-DJN

A.C. ISRAEL ENTERPRISES, INC., d/b/a INGLESIDE INVESTORS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy (collectively, "Plaintiffs") have moved the Court for preliminary approval of a proposed class action settlement with Defendants A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Ingleside Investors, Richard Investors, LLC, and Greg Warner; Ferrell Capital, Inc. and Seville LTD; Monu Joseph, Joseph Investment, LLC, Joseph NPA Investment, LLC, and E Opportunities, LLC; Skye, LLC; Cabbage City, LLC; Benjamin Gravley, Signal Light, LLC, and Hvmken, LP; George Kellner and Kellner Capital, LLC; and Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP (collectively, "Defendants," and together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"). The terms and conditions of the proposed settlement are set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement filed with the Court on October 2, 2023 ("Settlement Agreement") as an exhibit to Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Preliminary Approval Motion").

Upon review and consideration of Plaintiffs' Preliminary Approval Motion, the Settlement Agreement, and the exhibits attached to the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. This Preliminary Approval Order incorporates the Settlement Agreement, and the capitalized terms used herein, unless stated otherwise, shall have the meanings and/or definitions given to them in the Settlement Agreement, as if fully set forth in this Order.
- 2. The Settlement, on the terms and conditions stated in the Settlement Agreement, is preliminarily approved by this Court as being fair, reasonable and adequate, free of collusion or indicia of unfairness, and within the range of possible final judicial approval. In making this determination, the Court has considered the current posture of this litigation and the risks and benefits to the Parties involved in both settlement of these claims and the continuation of the litigation, and the fact that Defendants deny liability and have indicated their intent to vigorously defend the litigation. The Court further finds that the settlement between the Parties was arrived at through arm's-length negotiations and exchange of information by experienced counsel.

CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT CLASS AND APPOINTMENT OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES AND CLASS COUNSEL

3. For purposes of the Settlement, and conditioned upon the Settlement receiving final approval following the Final Fairness Hearing, this Court hereby conditionally certifies a Class for settlement purposes only (the "Settlement Class"), defined as follows and subject to the stated exclusions below:

All consumers residing within the United States who executed a loan agreement with any of (1) Golden Valley Lending, Inc.; (2) Silver Cloud Financial, Inc.; (3) Majestic Lake Financial, Inc.; or (4) prior to February 1, 2021, Mountain Summit Financial, Inc.

- 4. The Court preliminarily finds that, for settlement purposes and conditioned upon the entry of the Final Approval Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, that the prerequisites for a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have been satisfied. The Court finds, in the specific context of this Settlement, that the following requirements are met: (a) the number of Settlement Class Members is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class; (c) Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Plaintiffs have fairly and adequately represented the interests of the Settlement Class and will continue to do so, and Plaintiffs have experienced counsel to represent them; (e) the questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual Settlement Class Member; and (f) a class action provides a fair and efficient method for settling the controversy under the criteria set forth in Rule 23 and is superior to alternative means of resolving the claims and disputes at issue in this Action. The Court also concludes that, because this Action is being settled rather than litigated, the Court need not consider manageability issues that might be presented by the trial of a class action in this case.
- 5. The Court finds that the Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness because it provides for meaningful remediation relative to the merits of Plaintiffs' claims and Defendants' defenses.
- 6. If the Settlement Agreement is not finally approved, is not upheld on appeal, or is otherwise terminated for any reason, then the Settlement Class shall be decertified; the Settlement Agreement and all negotiations, proceedings, and documents prepared, and statements made in connection therewith, shall be without prejudice to any party and shall not be deemed or construed to be an admission or confession by any party of any fact, matter, or proposition of law; and all

parties shall stand in the same procedural position as if the Settlement Agreement had not been negotiated, made, or filed with the Court.

- 7. For purposes of Settlement only, the Court finds and determines that Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class in enforcing the rights of the Settlement Class in this Action, and thus hereby appoints Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy as representatives of the conditionally certified Settlement Class ("Class Representatives").
- 8. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court appoints as Class Counsel the law firms of Kelly Guzzo PLC and Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C. For purposes of these settlement approval proceedings, the Court finds that these law firms are competent and capable of exercising their responsibilities as Class Counsel and have fairly and adequately represented the interests of the Settlement Class for settlement purposes.

CLASS NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

- 9. As the Settlement Agreement is within the range of reasonableness and possible final approval, notice shall be provided to the Settlement Class under the Settlement Agreement. The Court approves, as to form and content, the Class Notice submitted with Plaintiffs' Preliminary Approval Motion, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Settlement Agreement.
- 10. The Court appoints American Legal Claims Services, LLC, as the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator shall abide by the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement that pertain to the Settlement Administrator. As further set forth in the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for, without limitation:

 (a) disseminating Notice to the Settlement Class; (b) handling returned e-mail notice and mail delivered to members of the Settlement Class; (c) receiving and maintaining requests for exclusion from the Settlement Class; (d) fielding inquiries about the Settlement Agreement; (e) establishing

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a Settlement Website with relevant case documents to which members of the Settlement Class may refer for information about the Settlement; (f) establishing a toll-free telephone line to receive calls from Settlement Class Members; (g) assisting Defendants with providing the notices required by the Class Action Fairness Act; and (h) carrying out such other responsibilities as are provided for in the Settlement Agreement or agreed to by the Parties.

- Agreement, to cause a copy of the Class Notice to be sent in substantially the same form attached to Plaintiffs' Preliminary Approval Motion to the Settlement Class by a combination of e-mail notice to verified e-mail addresses and/or by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to each Settlement Class Member identified on the Class List. The Settlement Administrator shall use best practices to ensure that notice is received by Class Members and will act in accordance with the process stated within the Settlement Agreement.
- 12. The Court further directs the Settlement Administrator to maintain and update the Settlement Website and secure a toll-free telephone number as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, which shall be updated within ten (10) days after the Court enters this Preliminary Approval Order.
- 13. No later than thirty (30) days before the Final Fairness Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will file a declaration with the Court verifying that notice has been provided to the Settlement Class in accordance with the Settlement Agreement and this Order.
 - 14. The Court finds that the Class Notice accompanying Plaintiffs' Motion for

Preliminary Approval, specifically, and more generally, the Notice Program described above and set forth in the Settlement Agreement constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances and satisfies due process and Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court finds that the language of the proposed Class Notice is plain and easy to understand and

provides neutral and objective information about the nature of the Settlement. Furthermore, the Court finds that the notice program complies with Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure as it is a reasonable manner of providing notice to those Settlement Class Members who would be bound by the settlement of the pendency of this Action and their right to participate in, object to, or exclude themselves from the Settlement. The Court also finds that the Notice Program complies with Rule 23(c) as it provides for individual notice to all Settlement Class Members and is thus the best notice practicable under the circumstances. In addition, Settlement Class Members will have access to the Settlement Website and a toll-free telephone line for purposes of obtaining additional information about the Settlement.

14. Class Notice and Settlement administration costs as set forth in the Settlement Agreement shall be paid from the Settlement Fund.

REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION

15. Settlement Class Members may elect to exclude themselves or "opt out" from the Settlement Agreement by following the procedures set forth in the Settlement Agreement for doing so. In the event a Settlement Class Member wishes to be excluded from the Settlement and not to be bound by the Settlement Agreement, that person must, prior to the Opt-Out Deadline, advise the Class Administrator in writing of that intent. In the written request for exclusion, the Settlement Class Member must state the name of this Action and his or her full name, address, telephone number, and the last four digits of his or her social security number, or his or her account number with Golden Valley, Silver Cloud, Majestic Lake, or Mountain Summit. Further, the Settlement Class Member must include a statement in the written request stating, "I request to be excluded from the class settlement in this case," or terms of equal effect. The request must also be signed by the Settlement Class Member.

- 16. Any request for exclusion or to opt out must be in writing and mailed to the Administrator, postmarked no later than [forty-five (45) calendar days before the Final Fairness Hearing] (the "Opt-Out Deadline"). The date of the postmark on the return mailing envelope shall be the exclusive means used to determine whether a request for exclusion has been timely submitted. The Court retains jurisdiction to resolve any disputed exclusion requests.
- 17. A Settlement Class Member who opts out of the Settlement may opt back in so long as the opt-in request is received prior to the Opt-Out Deadline.
- 18. No one shall be permitted to exercise any exclusion rights on behalf of any other person, whether as an agent or representative of another or otherwise, except upon proof of a legal power of attorney, conservatorship, trusteeship, or other legal authorization, and no one may exclude other persons within the Settlement Class as a group, class, or in the aggregate.
- 19. Any member of the Settlement Class who submits a valid and timely request for exclusion will not be a Settlement Class Member, shall not be bound by the terms of the Settlement Agreement, and shall relinquish their rights to benefits with respect to the Settlement Agreement, should it be finally approved, and may not file an objection to the Settlement Agreement or to any application for reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs or Service Awards or otherwise intervene in the Consolidated Actions.
- 20. Any Settlement Class Member who does not submit a valid and timely request for exclusion shall be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement, including any Release set forth therein, the Final Approval Order, and the Final Judgment, whether or not such Settlement Class Member objected to the settlement.
- 21. The Settlement Administrator shall provide copies of any requests for exclusion to the Parties as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

OBJECTIONS

- 22. Any Settlement Class Member who does not opt out of the Settlement and intends to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement, request for reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs, or Service Awards, must file a written objection signed by the Settlement Class Member with the Court no later than ______ [forty-five (45) calendar days before the Final Fairness Hearing] (the "Objection Deadline"). For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must also set forth and include the following:
 - a. the name of this Action;
 - b. the Objector's name, address, and telephone number;
 - c. a statement confirming that the Objector qualifies as a Settlement Class Member;
 - d. the reasons for his or her objection, accompanied by any legal or factual support for the objection;
 - e. the name of counsel for the Objector (if any);
 - f. information about other objections the Objector or his or her counsel have made in other class action cases; and
 - g. whether he or she intends to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing on his or her own behalf or through counsel.
- 23. A Settlement Class Member may not both opt out of the Settlement and object. If a Settlement Class Member submits both a request for exclusion and objection, the request for exclusion will control.
- 24. No member of the Settlement Class or counsel retained by such a member of the Settlement Class shall be entitled to be heard at the Final Fairness Hearing unless the Objector or his or her attorneys who intend to make an appearance at the Final Fairness Hearing state their intention to appear in the objection filed with the Court in accordance with the preceding paragraphs. Counsel for any such member of the Settlement Class must enter his or her appearance with the Court by the Objection Deadline.

25. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to file and serve a valid and timely written objection in the manner specified above shall be deemed to have waived all objections and shall be foreclosed from making any objection (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the Settlement, including but not limited to the benefits to Settlement Class Members, the Service Awards, or the Final Judgment.

FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING

- 27. Any Settlement Class Member may enter an appearance in this Action at his or her own expense, individually or through counsel. However, if a Settlement Class Member wishes to object to the Settlement at the Final Fairness Hearing (either personally or through counsel), the Settlement Class Member must submit a written objection as set forth in the Settlement Agreement and this Order. All Settlement Class Members who do not enter an appearance will be represented by Class Counsel.

28. The motion for final approval of the Settlement Agreement and any papers the Parties wish to submit in support of final approval of the Settlement Agreement, shall be filed with the Court no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing. Any response to any Objection to the Settlement Agreement shall be filed with the Court no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the Final Fairness Hearing.

STAY OF LITIGATION

29. Pending the Final Fairness Hearing, all proceedings in this Action are stayed and suspended until further order of this Court, except such actions as may be necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- 30. For the benefit of the Settlement Class and to protect this Court's jurisdiction, this Court retains continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement proceedings relating to the interpretation, administration, implementation, effectuation, and enforcement of this Settlement.
- 31. Any deadlines set in this Preliminary Approval Order may be extended by order of the Court, for good cause shown, without further notice to the Settlement Class, except that notice of any such extensions shall be posted to the Settlement Website. Members of the Settlement Class should check the Settlement Website regularly for updates, changes, and/or further details regarding extensions of these deadlines.
- 32. The Parties are directed to carry out their obligations under the Settlement Agreement, and are hereby authorized to use all reasonable procedures in connection with approval and administration of the Settlement that are not materially inconsistent with this Order or the Settlement Agreement, including making, without further approval of the Court,

minor changes to the Settlement Agreement or to the form or content of the Class Notice that the Parties jointly agree are reasonable or necessary, and which do not limit the rights of Settlement Class Members under the Settlement Agreement.

Let the Clerk file a copy of this Order electronically and notify all counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

/s/
Hon. David J. Novak
United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia
Dated: ____

Exhibit 3

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

SHERRY BLACKBURN, et al., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v. Case No: 3:22-cv-146-DJN

A.C. ISRAEL ENTERPRISES, INC., d/b/a INGLESIDE INVESTORS, *et al.*,

Defendants.

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND ENTERING JUDGMENT

This matter comes before the Court on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement and Final Certification of the Settlement Class ("Final Approval Motion") filed by Plaintiffs Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the preliminarily certified Settlement Class.

The Court has reviewed the papers filed in support of the Final Approval Motion, the Settlement Agreement filed with Plaintiff's Preliminary Approval Motion, the memoranda and arguments submitted on behalf of the Settlement Class, and all supporting exhibits and declarations thereto, as well as the Court's Preliminary Approval Order. The Court held a Final Fairness Hearing on _______, at which time the Parties and other interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard in support of and in opposition to the proposed settlement. Based on the papers filed with the Court and the presentations made at the Final Fairness Hearing, the Court finds that the Settlement Agreement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES, and DECREES as follows:

- 1. This Final Approval Order incorporates herein and makes a part hereof the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Approval Order. Unless otherwise provided herein, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings and/or definitions given to them in the Preliminary Approval Order and the Settlement Agreement.
- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over matters relating to the Settlement, including, without limitation, the administration, interpretation, effectuation, and enforcement of the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, and this Final Order and Judgment.

CERTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS AND APPOINTMENT OF CLASS COUNSEL AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

3. In the Preliminary Approval Order, this Court previously certified, for settlement purposes only, a Settlement Class defined as follows:

All consumers residing within the United States who executed loan agreements with Golden Valley Lending, Inc., Silver Cloud Financial, Inc., and Majestic Lake Financial, Inc., or prior to February 1, 2021, with Mountain Summit Financial, Inc.

- 4. Certification of the Settlement Class is hereby reaffirmed as the final Settlement Class pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. For the reasons set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order, the Court finds, on the record before it, that the Action, for purposes of this Settlement, may be maintained as a class action of the Settlement Class.
- 5. In the Preliminary Approval Order, this Court previously appointed the above-identified Plaintiffs Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy as Class Representatives and hereby reaffirms that appointment, finding, on the record before it, that the Class Representatives have and continue to adequately represent the Settlement Class.

6. In the Preliminary Approval Order, this Court previously appointed the law firms of Kelly Guzzo PLC and Consumer Litigation Associates, P.C., as Class Counsel for settlement purposes only and hereby reaffirms that appointment, finding on the record before it that Class Counsel have and continue to adequately and fairly represent the Settlement Class.

CLASS NOTICE

- 7. The record shows, and the Court finds, that Class Notice has been given to the Settlement Class in the manner approved by the Court in its Preliminary Approval Order. The Court finds that such Notice constitutes: (i) the best notice practicable to the Settlement Class under the circumstances; (ii) notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise the Settlement Class of the pendency of this Action and the terms of the Settlement Agreement, their rights to exclude themselves from the Settlement or to object to any part of the Settlement, their rights to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing (either on their own or through counsel hired at their own expense), and the binding effect of the Final Order and Final Judgment, whether favorable or unfavorable, on all persons who do not exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; (iii) due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons or entities entitled to received notice; and (iv) notice that fully satisfies the requirements of the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(c)(2(B) and 23(e)(1), and any other applicable law.
- 8. Due and adequate notice of the proceedings having been given to the Settlement Class and a full opportunity having been offered to the Settlement Class Members to participate in the Final Fairness Hearing, it is hereby determined that all Settlement Class Members except those who timely opted out, as identified in Exhibit A to this Final Approval Order, are bound by this Order and the Final Judgment. No Settlement Class Members, other than those listed in

Exhibit A, are excluded from the Settlement Class, from the terms of the Settlement Agreement, or from the effect of this Final Approval Order and Final Judgment.

FINAL APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 9. Pursuant to Rule 23(e), the Court hereby finally approves in all respects the Settlement as set forth in the Settlement agreement and finds that the Settlement, the Settlement Agreement, the benefits to the Settlement Class Members, and all other parts of the Settlement are, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class, within a range that responsible and experienced attorneys could accept considering all relevant risks and factors and the relative merits of Plaintiffs' claims and any defenses of the Defendants, and are in full compliance with all applicable requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Due Process Clause, and the Class Action Fairness Act. Accordingly, the Settlement shall be consummated in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement, with each Settlement Class Member bound by the Settlement Agreement, including any releases therein.
- 10. Specifically, the Court finds that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate given the following factors, among others:
- a. This Action was complex and time consuming and would have continued to be so through summary judgment and/or trial if it had not settled;
- b. Defendants have denied liability and have indicated their intent to continue to defend the litigation vigorously had it not settled;
- c. Class Counsel had a well-informed appreciation of the strengths and weaknesses of the Action while negotiating the Settlement;

- d. The monetary and injunctive relief provided for by the Settlement is well within the range of reasonableness in light of the best possible recovery and the risks the Parties would have faced if the case had continued to verdicts as to jurisdiction, liability, and damages;
- e. The Settlement was the result of arm's-length good faith negotiations and exchange of information by experienced counsel; and,
- f. The reaction of the Class to the Settlement has been positive, with only potential class members timely requesting to opt out and no objections to the Settlement.
- 11. Accordingly, the Settlement shall be consummated in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

MONETARY CONSIDERATION AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 12. The Court approves the Parties' plan to distribute the Cash Awards provided for by the Settlement Agreement to the Settlement Class Members as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 13. The Court also approves the agreements reached with respect to injunctive relief, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, including that: (1) Defendants shall not provide any capital, services, or assistance to the Tribal Corporations, as well as well as their successors in interest, for a period of three (3) years following the date of the full execution of the Settlement Agreement; and (2) Defendants will not assist in the collection of any loans issued by the Tribal Corporations or their respective successors in interest, including any attempted collections by third parties, following the date of the full execution of the Settlement Agreement.
- 14. The relief provided by the Settlement is significant. All Settlement Class Members who have made qualifying payments on the loans in question will receive cash payments. These cash payments will be in addition to the cash payments and other monetary

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and non-monetary benefits, including across-the-board loan cancellations, already secured from settlement of a related nationwide action in the matter of *Hengle v. Asner*, Civil Action No. 3:19-cv-250-DJN, which the Court approved last year. Defendants have also agreed not to participate in the collection of any loans issued by the Tribal Corporations or their successors, and to halt their financial and in-kind support of any additional loans issued by the Tribal Corporations. These additional benefits to Class Members have significant value. Further, Class members will receive these benefits without having to prove any harm or take any affirmative actions. In other words, Class Members will not be required to submit any forms or claims for payment.

DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS AND RELEASES

- 15. This Action and all Released Claims of Settlement Class Members are hereby DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and, except as otherwise provided herein or in the Settlement Agreement, without costs to any Party.
- 16. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, as of the Effective Date of this Settlement, the following releases shall be effective:
- a. <u>A.C. Israel Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the A.C. Israel Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action,

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whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the A.C. Israel Released Parties.

b. Cabbage City Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Cabbage City Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth,

referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Cabbage City Released Parties.

- Gravley Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class c. Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Gravley Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Gravley Released Parties.
- d. <u>Joseph Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Joseph Released Parties from any and all rights,

duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Joseph Released Parties.

e. <u>Kellner Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Kellner Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or

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f. Raizada Released Parties. Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Raizada Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the

Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Raizada Released Parties.

- Seville Released Parties. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, g. on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Seville Released Parties from any and all rights, duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Seville Released Parties.
- h. <u>Skye Released Parties</u>. Each Plaintiff and each Settlement Class Member, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, attorneys, partners, successors, predecessors-in-interest, and assigns, shall have fully, finally and forever released and discharged the Skye Released Parties from any and all rights,

duties, obligations, demands, actions, causes of action, liabilities, claims, grievances, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses, and controversies, whether arising under local, state, tribal, foreign, territorial or federal law (including, without limitation, under any consumer protection or unfair and deceptive practices laws) or equity, whether by constitution, statute, rule, regulation, any regulatory promulgation, contract, tort, common law, or any other theory of action, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, actual or contingent, matured or un-matured, contingent or fixed, accrued or unaccrued, punitive or compensatory, choate or inchoate, liquidated or unliquidated, based on any fact known or unknown, including without limitation those that arise out of or relate in any way to any or all of the claims, causes of action, acts, omissions, facts, matters, transactions, or occurrences that were or could have been directly or indirectly alleged, described, set forth, referred to, or asserted in the Action, as well as including any claims known or unknown that each Settlement Class Member has or ever had against the Skye Released Parties.

AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND SERVICE AWARDS

- 17. At the conclusion of a successful class action, class counsel may apply to a court for an award of attorneys' fees. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(h). Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel may request reasonable attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs to be paid from the Fund, provided that the total amount requested does not exceed one third of the Fund provided to Settlement Class Members.
- 18. Because this is a common fund case, it is appropriate to employ a percentage of the fund method for calculating a proper fee award. When a representative party confers a substantial benefit upon a class, counsel is entitled to attorneys' fees based on the benefit obtained. *Boeing Co. v. Van Gemert*, 444 U.S. 472, 478 (1980); *see also, e.g., Milbourne v. JRK*

Residential America, LLC, No. 3:12-cv-861-REP, ECF No. 324 (ED. Va. Jan. 4, 2017); Mayfield v. Memberstrust Credit Union, No. 3:07-cv-506-REP, ECF No. 22 (E.D. Va. Nov. 7, 2008); Conley v. First Tennessee, No. 1:10-cv-1247-JFA, ECF No. 37 (E.D. Va. Aug. 18, 2011); Lengrand v. Wellpoint, No. 3:11-cv-333-HEH, ECF No. 42 (E.D. Va. Nov. 13, 2012).

- 19. No class member or Government entity has objected to Class Counsel's request.
- 20. The Court, having reviewed the delcarations, exhibits, and points and authorities submitted in support of and opposition to Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs, approves the award of attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel in the amount of ______ ("Fee and Expense Award"). The Court finds that the Fee and Expense Award is reasonable and appropriate under all the circumstances presented.
- 21. The Settlement Agreement also provides that Plaintiffs may request a Service Award to be paid from the Fund, provided such awards do not exceed \$15,000 for each Class Representative, for a total of \$120,000.
- 22. Courts routinely grant service awards to compensate named plaintiffs for the services they provided and the risks they incurred during the course of the class action litigation. See, e.g., Manuel v. Wells Fargo Bank, No. 3:14-cv-238-DJN, 2016 WL 1070819, at *6 (E.D. Va. Mar. 15, 2016) (explaining that service awards are "intended to compensate class representatives for work done on behalf of the class, to make up for financial or reputational risk undertaken in bringing the action, and, sometimes, to recognize their willingness to act as a private attorney general"). Here, the Court finds that the requested Service Awards are reasonable and within the range of awards granted by courts in this and other circuits. See, e.g., id. (approving \$10,000 award); Lemus v. H & R Block Enters. LLC, No. 09-cv-3179, 2012 WL 3638550, at *5-6 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 22, 2012) (approving \$15,000 service awards).

Moreover, these Service Awards are justified by the time and effort expended by the Class Representatives on behalf of the Settlement Class Members and the risk each assumed in bringing this action. Accordingly, the Court finds that each of the Class Representatives shall be awarded \$15,000 for their efforts, to be paid from the Fund.

- 23. The Court further notes that the percentage of requested attorneys' fees and reimbursement of costs and the dollar amount of the Service Awards was included in the notice materials disseminated to the Settlement Class.
- 24. The award of attorneys' fees and costs and Service Awards shall be paid by the Defendants from the Fund, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 25. The Parties' distribution plan of payments to the Class Members in *pro rata* allocations of the Settlement Fund, following the above deductions, is approved for implementation. Should funds remain after all distributions are made and the check negotiation period provided for in the Settlement Agreement has passed, the Parties' chosen *cy pres*, Feed More, a nonprofit organization, is approved for receiving such balance.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- 26. The Court has jurisdiction to enter this Final Order and Final Judgment. Without in any way affecting the finality of this Final Order or the Final Judgment, and by consent of the Parties, the Court expressly retains exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement and the Settlement Agreement, including all matters relating to the administration, consummation, validity, enforcement, and interpretation of the Settlement Agreement or the Final Order and Judgment, including without limitation, for the purpose of:
- a. Enforcing the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and resolving any disputes, claims, or causes of action that, in whole or in part, are related to or arise

out of the Settlement Agreement, the Final Order, or the Final Judgment (including whether a person or entity is or is not a Settlement Class Member);

- b. Entering such additional orders, if any, as may be necessary or appropriate to protect or effectuate the Final Order, the Final Judgment, or the Settlement Agreement, or to ensure the fair and orderly administration of the Settlement; and,
- c. Entering any other necessary or appropriate orders to protect and effectuate this Court's retention of continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement Agreement, the Final Order, or the Final Judgment.
- 27. Without affecting the finality of this Order or the Final Judgment, the Defendants, each Settlement Class Member, and the Administrator hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court for the limited purpose of any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute arising out of the Settlement Agreement or the applicability of the Settlement Agreement, including any suit, action, proceeding, or dispute relating to the Release provisions herein.
- 28. The Parties are hereby directed to carry out their obligations under the Settlement Agreement.
- 29. Without further order of the Court, the Parties may agree to reasonably necessary extensions of time to carry out any of the provisions of the Settlement Agreement. Likewise, the Parties may, without further order of the Court or notice to the Settlement Class, agree to and adopt such amendments to the Settlement Agreement (including exhibits) as are consistent with this Final Order and the Final Judgment that do not limit the rights of the Settlement Class Members under the Settlement Agreement.
- 30. In the event that the Settlement becomes null and void, certification of the Settlement Class shall be automatically vacated and this Final Approval Order and Final

Judgment, as well as all other orders entered and releases delivered in connection with the Settlement Agreement, shall be vacated and shall become null and void, shall be of no further force and effect, and the Parties' rights and defenses shall be restored, without prejudice, to their respective positions as if the Settlement Agreement had never been executed.

31. This Final Approval Order and Final Judgment is final for purposes of appeal and may be appealed immediately, and the Clerk is hereby directed to enter judgment thereon.

This case is now CLOSED.

Let the Clerk file a copy of this Order electronically and notify all counsel of record.

It is so ORDERED.

/s/ Hon. David J. Novak United States District Judge

Richmond,	Virginia
Dated:	

Exhibit 4

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Case No. 3:22-cv-146

EXCLUSION REQUEST FORM

Must be postmarked by XXXX



THIS IS NOT A CLAIM FORM. This form removes you from the settlement. If you submit this form, you will not be eligible for any benefits pursuant to the settlement, including a cash payment.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY **XXXX** only if you do <u>not</u> want to be part of the settlement of this case, or if you intend to file a separate lawsuit on your own for the claims alleged in this class action case. The attorneys who represent the class do not represent you with respect to any such claims if you exclude yourself.

BY COMPLETING THIS FORM, you are **excluding** yourself from participation in the settlement in this case, you will not receive any money if you are entitled. If you submit this form and want to obtain any money you will then have to file your own lawsuit. You may need to retain your own attorney. You must file your own lawsuit before time runs out to do so and you should consult your own attorney to make certain you file a complaint in the appropriate court within the time provided by the applicable statutes of limitations.

Section I: Exclusion				
I request to be excluded from the Class Settlement in <i>Blackburn et al. v. A.C. Israel Enterprises, Inc. et al.</i> , No. 3:22-cv-146 (E.D. Va.).				
Section II: Contact Information				
Full Name:				
Current Address:				
Phone Number:				
	Section III: Signature			
Signature:	Section III. Signature			
Date:				

Exclusion Request Forms must be mailed to:

Blackburn Settlement c/o Settlement Administrator P.O. Box XXXX City, State XXXXX

Exhibit 5

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

SHERRY BLACKBURN, et al., on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No: 3:22-cv-146-DJN

A.C. ISRAEL ENTERPRISES, INC. d/b/a INGLESIDE INVESTORS, et al,

Defendants.

CONSENT JUDGMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, Plaintiffs Sherry Blackburn, Willie Rose, Elwood Bumbray, George Hengle, Regina Nolte, Jo Ann Falash, John Tucker, and Emily Murphy, on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class Members approved by the Court in the above-captioned action (collectively, "Plaintiffs") filed a Complaint against Defendants Amit Raizada, Spectrum Business Ventures, Inc., and Raizada Group, LLLP (collectively, the "Raizada Defendants"), and other named individuals and parties, for monetary damages and injunctive relief under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and state law, alleging that the Raizada Defendants unlawfully participated in and supported an enterprise to collect unlawful debts issued to Plaintiffs.

WHEREAS, the Raizada Defendants and other Defendants moved to dismiss Plaintiffs claims (ECF Nos. 145-150), which the Court denied on July 24, 2023 (ECF No. 177).

WHEREAS, the Raizada Defendants have denied any wrongdoing in connection therewith.

WHEREAS the parties thereafter engaged in multiple rounds of settlement negotiations that resulted in a final Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement (the "Settlement Agreement"), which Plaintiffs submitted to the Court for preliminary and final approval.

WHEREAS, the Court approved the Settlement Agreement and certified for purposes of settlement the Settlement Class defined in that Agreement.

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Raizada Defendants agreed to pay into a common fund for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class a total of \$3,500,000.00, comprising two payments: (1) a payment of \$1,500,000.00 on the later of three (3) business days after the Effective Date of the Settlement Agreement or February 1, 2024; and (2) a payment of the remaining balance on the later of one (1) year after the Effective Date or February 15, 2025. (Settlement Agreement § 3.3.b.i.3).

WHEREAS, in the event the Raizada Defendants fail to make the first payment of \$1,500,000.00, the Raizada Defendants stipulated and agreed to a consent judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 (\$10 million). (*Id.*)

WHEREAS, in the event the Raizada Defendants failed to make the second payment of the remaining balance, the Raizada Defendants agreed to a consent judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 (\$5 million), without any credit for prior payment(s) made by the Raizada Defendants. (*Id.*)

WHEREAS the Raizada Defendants have failed to make one or more of the following payments in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement;

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs, the Settlement Class, and the Raizada Defendants have stipulated to this Consent Judgment and to the Court's continuing jurisdiction to enforce the terms of the

Settlement Agreement and to enter and enforce this Consent Judgment pursuant to Kokkonen v.

Guardian Life Insurance Co., 511 U.S. 375 (1994).

WHEREAS the parties waive the entry of findings of fact and conclusions of law under

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 52.

It is now therefore ORDERED and ADJUDGED that the Raizada Defendants are liable to

Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class for ____\$10,000,000.00 (\$10 million) or \$5,000,000.00

(\$5 million), whichever is indicated, together with pre-judgment interest from the date the Raizada

Defendants' defaulted payment became due and any post-judgment interest and costs incurred by

Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class from the date of entry of this Judgment.

It is further ORDERED that, in the event the Court has already entered a consent judgment

against the Raizada Defendants for failure to pay the first payment described above and that this

Consent Judgment is for failure to also make the second payment, this Judgment shall be in

addition to the prior judgment, with both having equal force and effect.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 69, Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class may

engage in post-judgment discovery of the Raizada Defendants and such other conduct permitted

by law to enforce and execute the terms of this Judgment.

This Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Judgment and may issue any

additional orders as necessary and appropriate.

It is so ORDERED.

Hon. David J. Novak

United States District Judge

Richmond, Virginia

Dated: _____

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AGREED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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	Ву:
	Amit Raizada

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	/ Amit Raizada