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18	VS.	Kenneth R. Freeman
19	PEACH STATE ROOFING, INC., a Georgia corporation; MARTIN KELLY, a natural person;	
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This First Amended Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims ("Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Plaintiff Andrew Burdick ("Plaintiff" or "Class Representative"), individually and on behalf of all putative class members, on the one hand, and Defendants Peach State Roofing, Inc. and Martin Kelly (collectively "Defendants"). Plaintiff and Defendants are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties."

# I. <u>DEFINITIONS.</u>

The following definitions are applicable to this Settlement Agreement, in addition to other terms defined elsewhere in the Agreement:

- **A.** "Action" shall mean: (1) the civil action commenced on May 28, 2020, by Plaintiff against Defendants in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, Case No. 20STCV20397, entitled: "Andrew Burdick, on behalf of himself, and all others similarly situated, and as an 'aggrieved employee' on behalf of other 'aggrieved employees' under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, *Plaintiff(s)*, vs. Peach State Roofing, Inc., a Georgia corporation; Martin Kelly, a natural person; Chris Kelly, a natural person; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, *Defendant(s)*."
- **B.** "**Aggrieved Employees**" shall mean all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California during the PAGA Period.
- C. "Class," "Class Members," or "Settlement Class" shall mean all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California during the Class Period.
- **D.** "Class Counsel" shall mean the attorneys representing Plaintiff in the Action: David G. Spivak of THE SPIVAK LAW FIRM and Walter L. Haines of UNITED EMPLOYEES LAW GROUP.

- E. "Class Counsel Fees Payment" and "Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment" shall mean the amounts awarded to Class Counsel by the Court to compensate them for, respectively, their fees and expenses in connection with the Action, including their pre-filing investigation, their filing of the Action and all related litigation activities, this Settlement, and all post-Settlement compliance procedures.
- F. "Class Notice" shall mean the Notice of Proposed Settlement attached as ExhibitA and incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- **G.** "Class Period" shall mean the period of time from May 28, 2016 through April 15, 2021.
- H. "Class Representative Payment" shall mean the special payment made to Plaintiff in his capacity as Class Representative to compensate him for initiating the Action, performing work in support of the Action, and undertaking the risk of liability for attorneys' fees and expenses in the event he was unsuccessful in the prosecution of the Action.
- I. "Court" shall mean the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, 312 North Spring Street, Spring Street Courthouse, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- J. "Defense Counsel" shall mean the attorneys representing Defendants in the Action: Michael A. Hood of Jackson Lewis P.C.
- K. "Effective Date" is defined as follows: If no objection to this Settlement or to any of the terms and or conditions of the Settlement are filed by Plaintiff, another member of the Settlement class, or any intervenor to this Lawsuit, the Effective Date shall occur on the day that the Court enters an order of final approval of this Settlement; however, if any objection to this Settlement or to any of the terms and or conditions of the Stipulation is filed by a member of the Settlement class, or any intervenor to this Lawsuit, the Effective Date shall occur upon the

expiration of the time for the filing any appeal of the order of final approval of this Settlement.

If an appeal is filed or any writ granted, then the Effective Date shall occur after the appeal has been dismissed or the writ dissolved and when there is no further time to appeal the dismissal of the appeal or the dissolution of the writ.

- L. "Final Approval Hearing" shall mean the hearing to be conducted by the Court to determine whether to approve finally and implement the terms of this Agreement.
- Μ. "Gross Settlement Amount" shall mean the Gross Settlement Amount of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$550,000.00) payable by Defendants as provided by this Agreement, plus Defendants' employer-side payroll taxes. Defendants estimated for purposes of mediation that there were approximately 2,737 total qualifying Work Weeks and 90 Class Members for the period of June 15, 2016 to March 24, 2021. These numbers would be expected to increase proportionately for the passage of time between that date and the time of preliminary approval. At least 10 days before the Settlement Administrator send out notice of the Settlement to Class Members, the Settlement Administrator will advise Class Counsel of Defendants' report of the total number of qualifying Work Weeks and Class Members between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021. If the qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members exceeds the above referenced qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members reported by Defendants by more than 10%, i.e., exceeds 3,011 qualifying Work Weeks and/or 99 Class Members ("Escalator Threshold"), the Maximum Settlement Amount will increase by the difference between the Escalator Threshold and the additional qualifying Work Weeks or Class Members over the Escalator Threshold. No other payment will be owed by Defendants.
- N. "Judgment" shall mean the Order of Final Judgment entered by the Court that the Parties anticipate will be entered following a Final Approval Hearing on the Settlement in

1	this Action.			
2	О.	O. "Net Settlement Amount" shall mean Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dolla		
3	and No Cents (\$550,000.00) payable by Defendants pursuant to this Settlement, less:			
4		1. the Class Representative Payment approved by the Court;		
5		2. the Class Counsel Fees Payment (one-third or 33 and 1/3% of Gross		
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12		4. the amount of \$4,000.00 PAGA Penalties paid to the Labor Workforce		
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14		5. any other fees or expenses (other than attorneys' fees and expenses)		
15	incurred by Plaintiff in implementing the terms and conditions of this Agreement as approved b			
16	the Court.			
17	P.	"PAGA Penalties" means the total amount of PAGA civil penalties to be paid from		
18	the Gross Set	tlement Amount, allocated 25% to the Aggrieved Employees (\$1,000.00) and the		
19	75% to LWD.	A (\$3,000.00) in settlement of PAGA claims.		
20	Q.	"PAGA Period" shall mean the period of time from October 21, 2018 through		
21	April 15, 202	1.		
22	R.	"PAGA Settlement Share" shall mean each Aggrieved Employee's pro rata		
23		of the PAGA Penalties calculated according to the number of Pay Periods worked		
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Settlement Class members who do not submit a valid letter requesting to be excluded from the Settlement, consistent with the terms set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

- T. "Preliminary Approval of the Settlement" shall mean the Court's preliminary approval of the Settlement without material change.
- U. "Settlement" shall mean the disposition of the Action and all related claims effectuated by this Agreement.
- V. "Settlement Administrator" shall mean ILYM Group, Inc. or another administrator proposed by the Parties and appointed by the Court to administer the Settlement.
- W. "Class Settlement Share" shall mean each Class Member's allocated share of the Net Settlement Amount as provided by this Agreement.

# II. RECITALS

- A. On or about October 21, 2019, Plaintiff, through his attorneys, sent a letter to the Labor Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") alleging the following against Defendants: failure to pay wages, failure to provide meal periods, failure to authorize and permit rest periods, failure to indemnify for business expenses, failure to issue proper wage statements, failure to timely pay wages and related allegations (the "PAGA letter"). Plaintiff asserted these representative claims on behalf of all Class Members who are or were employed during the applicable statutory period.
- **B.** On May 28, 2020, Plaintiff filed a class action complaint in the Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging the same wage and hour claims as set forth in the earlier PAGA letter and adding a cause of action for unfair competition. On June 15, 2020, Plaintiff filed a first amended class action complaint in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, adding a cause of action under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 ("PAGA"). The first

amended complaint is the "Operative Complaint."

- C. On August 24, 2020, Defendants answered Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint and denied, and continue to deny, all of Plaintiff's material allegations. Specifically, Defendants deny that Plaintiff and putative class members are entitled to additional wages and overtime pay. Defendants contend they paid the putative class members for all hours worked as required by law, including all vacation and sick days. Defendants deny the Class Members were deprived of meal and rest periods, allege that they had meal and rest break policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with California law, and alleges that employees were allowed to take their rest and meal periods. Defendants further allege that the unpaid wage, improper wage statement, and rest and meal period claims are not amenable to class treatment because common issues do not predominate. Defendants assert that the waiting time penalties claim will fail as to former Class Members who cannot prevail on the claims described above. Defendants deny that they failed to issue accurate itemized wage statements, or otherwise failed to keep accurate and complete employment records. Defendants deny that they failed to reimburse for business expenses.
- **D.** The Parties thereafter engaged in an informal, voluntary exchange of information in the context of privileged settlement discussions to facilitate an early mediation. Defendants produced Plaintiff's entire personnel file (including policies and agreements he signed and acknowledged), copies of their relevant company written policies, time-keeping records, and paycheck data and records for the putative class, and more detailed time and payroll data for a random sample of putative class members specifically selected by Plaintiff's counsel.
- **E.** On April 15, 2021, following much of the foregoing informal discovery and exchange of information, the Parties participated in a mediation session presided over by

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Mediator Tripper Ortman, an experienced class action mediator. During the mediation, the Parties had a full day of productive negotiations and reached agreement on a class-wide settlement during the second mediation session. During the mediation sessions, each side, represented by its respective counsel, recognized the risk of an adverse result in the Action and agreed to settle the Action and all other matters covered by this Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

- F. Based on their own thorough, independent investigation and evaluation of this case, Class Counsel are of the opinion that the settlement with Defendants for the consideration and on the terms set forth in this Agreement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and in the best interest of the Settlement Class in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant costs and delay, the risk of non-certification of the Class, the defenses asserted by Defendant, the risks of adverse determinations on the merits, and numerous potential appellate issues. Although Defendants contend they have no liability in this case, Defendants' counsel shares Class Counsel's belief that the Agreement represents a fair and adequate settlement given the respective risks associated with the case.
- G. This Agreement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will be construed as an admission by Defendants that Plaintiff's claims in the Action have merit or that they have any liability to Plaintiff or the Class on those claims or to the State, or as an admission by Plaintiff that Defendants' defenses raised in the Action have merit. This Agreement is intended to fully, finally, and forever compromise, release, resolve, discharge, and settle the released claims subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Based on the foregoing Recitals, the Parties agree as follows:

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# III. SETTLEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. Certification for Settlement Purposes. Solely for the purposes of effectuating this Settlement, and subject to Court approval, the Parties hereby stipulate to the conditional certification of the Settlement Class. The Parties agree that if for any reason the Settlement is not preliminarily and finally approved, the conditional certification of the Settlement Class will be of no force or effect, does not constitute an admission by Defendants that class certification is proper, and will not be deemed admissible in this or any other proceeding, and that the Parties will litigate the issue of class certification.

В. Gross Settlement Amount. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Gross Settlement Amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$550,000.00), plus Defendants' employer share of employer-side payroll taxes, is the maximum amount payable by Defendants. In no event will Defendants be required to pay more than the Gross Settlement Amount for distribution to the Plaintiff, Class Counsel, Class Members, LWDA, and Settlement Administrator. However, Defendants estimated for purposes of mediation that there were approximately 2,737 total qualifying Work Weeks and 90 Class Members for the period of June 15, 2016 to March 24, 2021. These numbers would be expected to increase proportionately for the passage of time between that date and the time of preliminary approval. At least 10 days before the Settlement Administrator send out notice of the Settlement to Class Members, the Settlement Administrator will advise Class Counsel of Defendants' report of the total number of qualifying Work Weeks and Class Members between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021. If the qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members exceeds the above referenced qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members reported by Defendants by more than 10%, i.e., exceeds 3,011 qualifying Work Weeks and/or 99 Class Members ("Escalator

Threshold"), the Maximum Settlement Amount will increase by the difference between the Escalator Threshold and the additional qualifying Work Weeks or Class Members over the Escalator Threshold. No other payment will be owed by Defendants.

C. Payments to Plaintiff and Class Counsel and Others. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will make the following payments out of the Gross Settlement Amount as follows:

## 1. To Plaintiff.

(a) Class Representative Payment. In addition to his Class Settlement Share, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for an award of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) as his Class Representative Payment. Defendants will not oppose a Class Representative Payment of not more than \$15,000.00. Plaintiff will receive no other payment other than his Class Settlement Share and Class Representative Payment, and acknowledges that he is aware of no other facts or circumstances related to his employment with Defendants that could give rise to any additional entitlement to any further payments. The Settlement Administrator will pay the Class Representative Payment approved by the Court out of the Gross Settlement Amount. Payroll taxes, withholdings, and deductions will not be taken from the Class Representative Payment, and instead a Form 1099 will be issued to Plaintiff with respect to that payment. Plaintiff agrees to assume all responsibility and liability for the payment of taxes due on the Class Representative Payment. Any portion of the Class Representative Payment not awarded to Plaintiff will not revert to Defendant, but instead shall be returned to the Net Settlement Amount.

2. To Class Counsel. Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of not more than One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and

No Cents (\$183,333.00) (which is 33 and 1/3% of the Gross Settlement Amount) as their Class Counsel Fees Payment and an amount not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) as their Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, and Defendants will not oppose this request. The Settlement Administrator will pay the amount approved by the Court (but not more than One Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$183,333.00) in fees and not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) in expenses) out of the Gross Settlement Amount. Withholding and deductions will not be taken from the Class Counsel Fees and Litigation Expenses Payment and one or more Forms 1099 will be issued to Class Counsel with respect to those payments.

- 3. To the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator will be paid from the Gross Settlement Amount its reasonable fees and expenses as approved by the Court in an amount currently estimated to not exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$6,500.00).
- 4. To the LWDA. The Parties will jointly apply to the Court for approval of a settlement of claims under the Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA"), California Labor Code section 2698, *et seq.*, for Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00), of which, payment from the Gross Settlement Amount to the LWDA will be made in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$3,000.00), which is 75% of the PAGA settlement. The remaining One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,000.00), 25% of the PAGA settlement, will be distributed to the Aggrieved Employees pursuant to the formulas described below.
- D. Allocation of Net Settlement Amount and Calculation of Class Settlement Shares and PAGA Settlement Shares. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Settlement Administrator will distribute a payment from the Net Settlement Amount to each

Participating Class Member. The Class Settlement Share for each Participating Class Member will be calculated as follows, understanding that the formulas below do not constitute an admission by either party, and are intended only to provide a practical means to simplify and administer the claims process:

# 1. Settlement Shares:

- (a) Participating Class Members' Class Settlement Shares. The settlement shares are allocated 33.33% to wages (for which employment taxes will be deducted and W-2s issued) and 66.66% to penalties (for which 1099s will be issued).
- shall assign to each Class Member a "Settlement Ratio," which shall be a fractional number comprised of (a) that Class Member's Individual Work Weeks as the numerator, and (b) the aggregate total of all Class Members' Individual Work Weeks as the denominator. The Settlement Administrator shall assign to each Class Member the "Class Settlement Share" which shall be calculated by multiplying that Class Member's Settlement Ratio by the amount allocated to Class Members from the Net Settlement Amount.
- 2. PAGA Settlement Shares. The Settlement Administrator shall assign to each Aggrieved Employee a "PAGA Settlement Ratio," which shall be a fractional number comprised of (a) that Aggrieved Employee's Individual PAGA Pay Period as the numerator, and (b) the aggregate total of all Aggrieved Employees' Individual Pay Periods as the denominator. The Settlement Administrator shall assign to each Aggrieved Employee the "PAGA Settlement Share" which shall be calculated by multiplying that Aggrieved Employee's PAGA Settlement Ratio by the amount allocated to Aggrieved Employees from the PAGA Penalties.

# 3. Class Settlement Share and PAGA Settlement Share Worksheets.

Upon calculation of the Class Members' Class Settlement Shares and PAGA Settlement Shares, the Settlement Administrator shall furnish to Class Counsel and Defense counsel a worksheet containing a list unique identifying numbers for each of the Class Members and Aggrieved Employees with their corresponding Individual Work Weeks and Individual PAGA Pay Periods and Class Settlement Shares.

- E. Taxes and Withholdings. Each Class Settlement Share is intended, in part, to settle the Class Members' claims for unpaid wages. Each Class Member shall be individually responsible for the employee's share of applicable payroll tax withholdings and deductions. Accordingly, each Class Settlement Share allocated to wages will be reduced by applicable employee-side payroll tax withholdings and deductions, and the Settlement Administrator will issue a Form W-2 to each Participating Class Member. Defendants will be responsible for the normal employer's share of any payroll tax attributable to the wage portion of the Class Settlement Share payments. Defendants' payment of the normal employer's share of payroll taxes attributable to the wage portion of the Class Settlement Share payments will be in addition to the Gross Settlement Amount or Net Settlement Amount.
- F. Appointment of Settlement Administrator. The Parties will ask the Court to appoint ILYM Group, Inc., a qualified administrator, to serve as the Settlement Administrator, which, as a condition of appointment, will agree to be bound by this Agreement with respect to the performance of its duties and its compensation. The Settlement Administrator's duties will include preparing, printing, and mailing the Class Notice to all Class Members; and using reasonable measures to contact all Class Members, including conducting a National Change of Address search on all Class Members before mailing the Class Notice to each Class Member's address. The Settlement Administrator's duties will also include re-mailing the Class Notice to

the Class Member's new address for those Class Members whose address has changed; providing the Parties with weekly status reports about the delivery of Class Notice; calculating Class Settlement Shares; issuing and distributing checks to effectuate the payments due under the Settlement; reporting to the Court as required; and otherwise administering the Settlement pursuant to this Agreement. The Settlement Administrator's reasonable fees and expenses, including the cost of printing and mailing the Class Notice, will be paid out of the Gross Settlement Amount, as set forth herein, subject to Court approval. Any portion of the of the Settlement Administrator's fees and expenses that are not used or which are not awarded by the Court will not revert to Defendant, but instead will be part of the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members. If the Settlement Administrator's fees and expenses exceed Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$6,500.00), such cost will be deducted from the Net Settlement Amount.

# IV. PROCEDURES FOR APPROVING SETTLEMENT

- A. Motion for Preliminary Approval of Settlement by the Court. Class Counsel will move the Court for an order granting Preliminary Approval of the Settlement (the "Motion for Preliminary Approval"), setting a date for the Final Approval Hearing, and approving the Class Notice (attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement), the Exclusion Request form (attached as Exhibit B to this Agreement), and the Work Weeks Dispute form (attached as Exhibit C to this Agreement). Any disagreement among the Parties concerning the Class Notice or other documents necessary to implement the Settlement will be referred to the Court.
- 1. At the hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Approval, the Parties anticipate that they will appear and support the granting of the motion, and that Class Counsel will submit an Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Settlement, Approval of Notice to Class

1	and Setting Hearing for Final Approval of Settlement.
2	2. Should the Court decline to approve the Settlement, the Settlement will be
3	null and void and the Parties will have no further obligations under it.
4	B. Notice to Class Members. After the Court enters its order granting Preliminary
5	Approval of the Settlement, every Class Member will be provided with a "Class Notice."
6 7	1. List of Class Members. Within fourteen (14) days after the Court grants
8	Preliminary Approval of the Settlement, Defendants shall provide to the Settlement
9	Administrator:
10	(a) An electronic database of all Class Members, last known mailing
11	address, Social Security number, and Defendants' employee identification number ("Class
12	Members' Data'').
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14	(b) Corresponding to each Class Member's name, Defendants shall
15	provide a figure indicating the total number of Work Weeks during the Class Period in which
16	that Class Member was employed by Defendants as a Class Member. That number of Work
17	Weeks shall be referred to as that Class Member's "Individual Work Weeks." Defendants shall
18	also provide a figure indicating the total number of Pay Periods during the PAGA Period in which
19	an employee was employed by Defendants as an Aggrieved Employee. That number of Work
20	Weeks shall be referred to as that Aggrieved Employee's "Individual Pay Periods."
21	(c) If any of the Class Members' Data are unavailable to Defendant,
22	Defendants will so inform Class Counsel and the Parties will make their best efforts to reconstruct
23	or otherwise agree upon the Class Members' Data prior to when it must be submitted to the
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25	Settlement Administrator. Class Members' Data will otherwise remain confidential and will not
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Defendants' express written authorization or by order of the Court.

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2. Mailing of Class Notice. Within fourteen (14) days after receiving the Class Members' Data, or as soon thereafter as it can do so, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Notice to all identified Class Members via first-class U.S. mail using the mailing address information provided by Defendant, unless modified by any updated address information that the Settlement Administrator obtains in the course of administration of the Settlement.

3. Returned Class Notice. If a Class Notice is returned because of an incorrect address, the Settlement Administrator will promptly, and not later than ten (10) days from receipt of the returned Class Notice, search for a more current address for the Class Member and re-mail the Class Notice to the Class Member. The Settlement Administrator will use the Class Members' Data and otherwise work with Defendants' Counsel and Class Counsel to find a more current address. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for taking reasonable steps, consistent with its agreed-upon job parameters, court orders, and fee, to trace the mailing address of any Class Member for whom a Class Notice is returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service. These reasonable steps shall include the tracking of all undelivered mail; performing address searches for all mail returned without a forwarding address; and promptly remailing to Class Members for whom new addresses are found. If the Class Notice is re-mailed, the Settlement Administrator will note for its own records and notify Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel of the date and address of each such re-mailing as part of a weekly status report provided to the Parties. The deadlines for Class Members' written objections, challenges to Work Weeks or PAGA Pay Periods, and requests for exclusion will be extended an additional 14 days beyond the 60 days otherwise provided in the Notice for all Class Members whose notice is re-mailed. The Settlement Administrator will inform the Class Member of the extended

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- 4. **Declaration of Settlement Administrator.** Not later than twenty-one (21) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will provide the Parties for filing with the Court a declaration of due diligence setting forth its compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will supplement its declaration of due diligence if any material changes occur from the date of the filing of its prior declaration.
- C. **Disputed Class Member Class Settlement Shares.** If a Class Member disputes his/her estimated Class Settlement Share or PAGA Settlement Share, the Class Member may produce evidence to the Settlement Administrator for the Class Period and PAGA Period. In order for the dispute to be considered, he/she must follow the directions on the Class Notice. To be valid and timely, all disputes and supporting documents must be postmarked by the date specified in the Class Notice (no less than 60 days from the initial mailing of the Class Notice by the Settlement Administrator). A Class Member may use the Work Weeks/Pay Periods Dispute form (**Exhibit C** to this Settlement), though a Class Member is not obligated to do so to dispute his/her shares.
- D. Requests for Exclusion from Settlement; and Objections to Settlement. Class Members may submit requests to be excluded from the effect of the Settlement, or objections to the Settlement, pursuant to the following procedures:
- 1. **Request for Exclusion from Settlement.** A Class Member may request to be excluded from the effect of this Agreement, and any payment of amounts under this Agreement, by timely mailing a letter to the Settlement Administrator stating that the Class Member wants to be excluded from this Action. This letter must include the Class Member's

Class Member and shall not receive a Class Settlement Share. The Settlement Administrator will retain amounts equal to their Class Settlement Shares in the Net Settlement Amount for distribution to Participating Class Members on a pro rata basis. Because future PAGA claims are subject to claim preclusion upon entry of the Judgment, Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release the claims identified in section V.B of this Agreement and are eligible for a PAGA Settlement Share.

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2. **Objections to Settlement.** The Class Notice will provide that any Class Member who does not request exclusion from the Action and who wishes to object to the

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Settlement should submit an objection in writing to the Settlement Administrator not later than 60 days after the Settlement Administrator mails the Class Notice. The written objection to the Settlement should set forth the grounds for the objection and the other information required by this paragraph. The objection should be mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided on the Class Notice. The Settlement Administrator shall transmit the objections to counsel for the Parties as follows:

To Class Counsel:

To Defense Counsel:

David G. Spivak, Esq. The Spivak Law Firm 8605 Santa Monica Blvd. PMB 42554 West Hollywood, CA 90069 Michael A. Hood, Esq. Jackson Lewis P.C. 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 500 Irvine, CA,92618

Counsel will promptly file such objection with the Court.

The written objection should state the objecting Class Member's full name, address, and the approximate dates of his or her employment with Defendants. The written objection should state the basis for each specific objection and any legal support in clear and concise terms. The written objection also should state whether the Class Member intends to formally intervene and become a party of record in the action, and upon formally intervening, appear and argue at the Final Approval Hearing.

Regardless of whether an objecting Class Member complies with the objection procedure encouraged above, the Court will provide a Class Member with the opportunity to speak at the final approval hearing regardless of whether he or she has filed an appearance or submitted a written opposition beforehand. If the objecting Class Member does not formally intervene in the action and/or the Court rejects the Class Member's objection, the Class Member will still be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

- **E. Report.** Not later than fourteen (14) days after the deadline for submission of requests for exclusion, the Settlement Administrator will provide the Parties with a complete and accurate list of all Class Members who sent timely requests to be excluded from the Action and all Class Members who objected to the settlement.
- F. No Solicitation of Objection; Right to Void. Neither the Parties, nor their respective counsel, will directly or indirectly solicit or otherwise encourage any Class Member to seek exclusion from the Settlement, object to the Settlement, or to appeal from the Judgment. If Class Members accounting for 5.00% or more of the Class submit valid requests to be excluded from the Settlement, then Defendants shall have the unilateral right to void this Settlement. Defendants may do so by giving notice to Class Counsel and the Court of their election to void the Settlement not later than seven (7) days before the Final Approval Hearing. No sums shall be payable by Defendants if this Agreement is voided as provided for herein with one exception: Defendants agree to pay any fees owing to the Settlement Administrator for services rendered in the event Defendants exercise their right to void the Settlement.
- G. Additional Briefing and Final Approval. Plaintiff will file with the Court a motion for final approval of the Settlement and payment of the Settlement Administrator's reasonable fees and expenses and a memorandum in support of their motion; and Plaintiff and Class Counsel will serve on Defendants and file with the Court a motion for awards of the Class Representative Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment pursuant to this Settlement, and memoranda in support of their motions.

Before the Final Approval Hearing, the Parties shall be entitled to file and serve a response to any Class Member's objection to the Settlement and/or reply in support of their motion for final approval of the Settlement, and payment of the Settlement Administrator's

reasonable fees and expenses to the extent that any opposition to the motion is filed; and Plaintiff and Class Counsel may file replies in support of their motions for the Class Representative Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment.

If the Court ultimately does not grant final approval of the Settlement or grants final approval conditioned on any material change to the Settlement, then either Party will have the unilateral right to void the Settlement in its entirety; if that occurs, the Parties will have no further obligations under the Settlement, including any obligation by Defendants to pay the Gross Settlement Amount or any amounts that otherwise would have been payable under this Agreement, except that Defendants and Plaintiff will jointly and equally pay the Settlement Administrator's reasonable fees and expenses incurred as of the date that the Party exercises the right to void the Settlement under this Paragraph. However, an award by the Court of a lesser amount than that sought by Plaintiff and Class Counsel for the Class Representative Payment, the Class Counsel Fees Payment, or the Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment, will not constitute a material modification to the Settlement within the meaning of this Paragraph and shall not render the Settlement voidable. Plaintiff and Class Counsel shall retain the right to appeal awards of attorneys' fees and costs less than requested.

Upon final approval of the Settlement by the Court at or after the Final Approval Hearing, the Parties will present for the Court's approval and entry a Proposed Final Order and Judgment. The Final Order and Judgment shall permanently bar all Participating Class Members from prosecuting against Defendants any claims within the scope of the Releases contained in this Agreement.

After entry of the Judgment, the Court will have continuing jurisdiction over the Action and the Settlement solely for purposes of (i) enforcing this Agreement, (ii) addressing settlement

administration matters, and (iii) addressing such post-Judgment matters as may be appropriate under court rules or applicable law.

H. Waiver of Right to Appeal. Provided that the Judgment is consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and that no Class Member timely objects to the Settlement <u>and</u> formally intervenes into the action as required under the California Supreme Court decision of *Hernandez v. Restoration Hardware*, 4 Cal. 4th 260, 228 Cal. Rptr. 3d 106 (2018) or files a motion pursuant to Civil Procedure Code section 663, Defendants, and their respective counsel hereby waive, except as provided for in this Agreement or prohibited by law, any and all rights to appeal from the Judgment, including all rights to any post-judgment proceeding and appellate proceeding, such as a motion to vacate judgment, a motion for new trial, any extraordinary writ, and any appeal, and the Judgment therefore will become non-appealable at the time it is entered. The waiver of appeal does not include any waiver of the right to oppose any appeal, appellate proceedings, or post-judgment proceedings. If an appeal is taken from the Judgment, the time for consummation of the Settlement (including making any payments under the Settlement) will be suspended until the appeal is fully and finally resolved and the Judgment, consistent with the terms of this Agreement, becomes Final.

I. Vacating, Reversal, or Material Modification of Judgment on Appeal or Review. If, after a notice of appeal, a petition for review, or a petition for *certiorari*, or any other motion, petition, writ, application, or appeal, the reviewing court vacates, reverses, or modifies the Judgment such that there is a material modification to the Settlement, and that court's decision is not completely reversed and the Judgment is not fully affirmed on review by a higher court, then either Plaintiff or Defendants will have the unilateral right to void the Settlement, which the Party must do by giving written notice to the other Parties, the reviewing court, and the Court,

not later than fourteen (14) days after the reviewing court's decision vacating, reversing, or materially modifying the Judgment becomes final. The Party exercising its right to unilaterally void the Settlement pursuant to this provision agrees to pay any fees owing to the Settlement Administrator for services rendered. An order vacating, reversing or modifying the Court's award of the Class Representative Payment, or the Class Counsel Fees Payment and/or Class Counsel Litigation Expenses Payment will not constitute a vacation, reversal, or material modification of the Judgment within the meaning of this paragraph, and shall not render the Settlement voidable.

J. Establishment of Settlement Account. The Settlement Administrator shall establish a Settlement Account for distributing Class Settlement Shares and Payments identified in this Agreement. Within ten (10) calendar days of the Effective Date, Defendants shall pay the Gross Settlement Amount into the Settlement Account.

K. Payment of Class Settlement Shares and PAGA Settlement Shares. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of the Gross Settlement Amount, the Settlement Administrator shall pay Class Settlement Shares, from the Settlement Account, to all Class Members (who do not submit valid requests to be excluded from the Action) and PAGA Settlement Shares to all Aggrieved Employees. The Settlement Administrator shall pay each Class Settlement Share by sending a check in the appropriate amount to the Class Member at the address indicated in the list of Class Member names and addresses provided by Defendants, or as subsequently determined by the Settlement Administrator to be the correct address. The Settlement Administrator will send checks for PAGA Settlement Shares to all Aggrieved Employees including Non-Participating Class Members who qualify as Aggrieved Employees (including those for whom Class Notice was returned undelivered). The Settlement Administrator may send Participating Class Members a single check combining the Class Settlement Shares and PAGA

Settlement Shares. Before mailing any checks, the Settlement Administrator must update the recipients' mailing addresses using the National Change of Address Database.

- L. Uncashed Class Settlement Share Checks. Any check issued by the Settlement Administrator to Class Members who do not timely and validly opt out shall be negotiable for one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days. Those funds represented by checks returned as undeliverable and those checks remaining un-cashed for more than 180 days after issuance (collectively, "Voided Settlement Checks"), plus any interest that has accrued on those funds, will be paid to the California Unclaimed Property Fund.
- M. The Settlement Administrator will mail or wire all required payments no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the funds representing the Gross Settlement Amount from Defendants. Proof of payment will be filed with the Court.
- N. Final Report by Settlement Administrator to Court. Within ten (10) calendar days after final disbursement of all funds from the Settlement Account, the Settlement Administrator will serve on the Parties for filing with the Court a declaration providing a final summary report on the disbursements of all funds from the Settlement Account.

# V. RELEASE OF CLAIMS

A. Plaintiff and Participating Class Members. The Parties agree that it is their intent that the resolution set forth in this Settlement will release any further attempt, by lawsuit, administrative claim or action, arbitration, demand, or other action of any kind by each and all of the Settlement Class Members (including participation to any extent in any representative or collective action), against Defendants and all of their present and former parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, concepts, related or affiliated companies and its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns, and any individual or

entity that could be liable for any of the Released Claims, and Defendants' counsel of record in these Action ("Released Parties"), arising during the period May 28, 2016 through April 15, 2021. The release is limited to any and all state, federal, or local law, whether statutory or common law claims expressly pleaded in the Operative Complaint, or arising out of facts asserted in the Operative Complaint, including claims for: (i) failure to provide rest breaks; (ii) failure to provide meal periods; (iii) failure to pay all wages earned for hours worked at the correct rates of pay; (iv) failure to indemnify; (v) wage statement penalties; (vi) waiting time penalties; (vii) unfair competition ("Class Released Claims"). This release will not take effect until Defendants have paid the Gross Settlement Amount in full per this Settlement Agreement.

Employees: All Non-Participating Class Members who are Aggrieved Employees are deemed to release, on behalf of themselves and their respective former and present representatives, agents, attorneys, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns, the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, for the PAGA Period and based on the facts stated in the PAGA Letter ("PAGA Released Claims"). The Aggrieved Employees will release the PAGA Release Claims even if they submit a valid and timely Exclusion Request.

C. Class Counsel. As of the date the Judgment becomes Final, and except as otherwise provided by this Agreement, Class Counsel and any counsel associated with Class Counsel (The Spivak Law Firm and United Employees Law Group), including without limitation David G. Spivak, Esq. and Walter L. Haines, Esq., waive any claim to costs and attorneys' fees and expenses against Defendants or the Releasees arising from or related to the Action, except those incurred to enforce this Agreement and collect the Judgment, including but not limited to claims based on the California Labor Code, the California Civil Code, the California Code of

Civil Procedure, the Fair Labor and Standards Act, or any other statute or law (the "Class Counsel Released Claims").

# VI. <u>NON-PUBLICITY PROVISION</u>

The Parties and their counsel agree that they will not issue any press releases, initiate any contact with the press, respond to any press inquiry, or have any communication with the press about the fact, amount, or terms of the Settlement. In addition, the Parties and their counsel agree that they will not engage in any advertising or distribute any marketing materials relating to the Settlement of this case in any manner that identifies the Defendants, including but not limited to any postings on any websites maintained by Class Counsel. Neither Plaintiff nor Class Counsel will discuss the terms or the fact of the Settlement with third parties other than (1) their immediate family members, (2) their respective accountants or lawyers as necessary for tax purposes; or (3) other Class Members. Plaintiff and Class Counsel agree not to publish any of the terms or conditions of this Settlement in any manner that identifies the Defendants.

# VII. <u>MISCELLANEOUS TERMS</u>

- A. No Effect on Other Benefits. The Class Settlement Shares will not result in any additional employee benefit payments (such as pension, ERISA, 401(k), vacation, or bonus) and shall not have any effect on the eligibility for, or calculation of, any employee benefit. Plaintiff and Class Members will be deemed to have waived all such claims, whether known or unknown by them, as part of their release of claims under this Agreement.
- **B.** No Admission of Liability. Defendants deny that they have engaged in any unlawful activity, have failed to comply with the law in any respect, or have any liability to anyone under the claims asserted in the Action. This Agreement is entered into solely for the purpose of compromising highly disputed claims. Nothing in this Agreement is intended or will

be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing by Defendants, or an admission by Plaintiff that any of his claims was non-meritorious or any defense asserted by Defendants was meritorious. This Settlement and the fact that Plaintiff and Defendants were willing to settle the Action will have no bearing on, and will not be admissible in connection with, any litigation (other than solely in connection with the Settlement).

C. Whether or not the Judgment becomes Final, neither the Settlement, this Agreement, any document, statement, proceeding or conduct related to the Settlement or the Agreement, nor any reports or accounting of those matters, will be (i) construed as, offered or admitted in evidence as, received as, or deemed to be evidence for any purpose adverse to Defendants or any other Releasees, including, but not limited to, evidence of a presumption, concession, indication or admission by any of the Releasees of any liability, fault, wrongdoing, omission, concession or damage; or (ii) disclosed, referred to or offered in evidence against any of the Releasees, in any further proceeding in the Action, or any other civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding except for purposes of effectuating the Settlement pursuant to this Agreement.

- **D.** Integrated Agreement. After this Agreement is signed and delivered by all Parties and their counsel, this Agreement and its exhibits will constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the Settlement, and it will then be deemed that no oral representations, warranties, covenants, or inducements have been made to any Party concerning this Agreement or its exhibits other than the representations, warranties, covenants, and inducements expressly stated in this Agreement and its exhibits.
- **E. Attorney Authorization.** Class Counsel and Defense Counsel warrant and represent that they are authorized by Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to take all appropriate

action required or permitted to be taken by such Parties pursuant to this Agreement to effectuate its terms, and to execute any other documents required to effectuate the terms of this Agreement. The Parties and their counsel will cooperate with each other and use their best efforts to effect the implementation of the Settlement. In the event the Parties are unable to reach agreement on the form or content of any document needed to implement the Agreement, or on any supplemental provisions that may become necessary to effectuate the terms of this Agreement, the Parties will seek the assistance of the Court, and in all cases, all such documents, supplemental provisions and assistance of the court will be consistent with this Agreement.

- **F. Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement, and all parts of it, may be amended, modified, changed, or waived only by an express written instrument signed by all Parties or their successors-in-interest.
- **G. Agreement Binding on Successors.** This Agreement will be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the successors of each of the Parties.
- **H.** Applicable Law. All terms and conditions of this Agreement and its exhibits will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of California, without giving effect to any conflict of law principles or choice of law principles.
- I. Cooperation in Drafting. The Parties have cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. This Agreement will not be construed against any Party on the basis that the Party was the drafter or participated in the drafting.
- J. Fair Settlement. The Parties and their respective counsel believe and warrant that this Agreement reflects a fair, reasonable, and adequate settlement of the Action and have arrived at this Agreement through arms-length negotiations, considering all relevant factors, current and potential.

1	<b>K.</b> Headings. The descriptive heading of any section of paragraph of this Agreement
2	is inserted for convenience of reference only and does not constitute a part of this Agreement.
3	L. Notice. All notices, demands or other communications given under this
4	Agreement will be in writing and deemed to have been duly given as of the third calendar day
5	after mailing by United States mail, addressed as follows:
<ul><li>6</li><li>7</li></ul>	To Class Counsel: To Defense Counsel:
8	David G. Spivak, Esq. Michael A. Hood, Esq. The Spivak Law Firm Jackson Lewis P.C.
9	8605 Santa Monica Blvd. 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 500 PMB 42554 Irvine, CA,92618
10	West Hollywood, CA 90069
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12	<b>Execution in Counterpart.</b> This Agreement may be executed in one or more
13	counterparts. All executed counterparts and each of them will be deemed to be one and the same
14	instrument provided that counsel for the Parties will exchange between themselves original signed
15	counterparts. Facsimile signatures will be presumptive evidence of execution of the original,
16 17	which shall be produced on reasonable request. Any executed counterpart will be admissible to
18	prove the existence and contents of this Agreement.
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20	Dated: 03 / 24 / 2023 By:
21	ANDREW BURDICK
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# EXHIBIT A

# IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## (UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)

ANDREW BURDICK, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, and as an "aggrieved employee" on behalf of other "aggrieved employees" under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004,

Case No. 20STCV20397

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Action filed: 5/28/2020

Department: SSC-14, The Honorable Kenneth R.

Plaintiff,

VS.

Freeman

PEACH STATE ROOFING, INC., a Georgia corporation; MARTIN KELLY, A NATURAL PERSON; CHRIS KELLY, A NATURAL PERSON; and DOES 1-50, inclusive,

Defendant(s).

# NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

### I. WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

The records of Peach State Roofing, Inc. and Martin Kelly (collectively "Defendants") indicate that you worked for Defendants in California at some time between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021 (the "Class Period") as a non-exempt employee. This Notice explains that for settlement purposes only, the Court has granted preliminary approval of this class action settlement that may affect you. You have legal rights and options that you may exercise at this time.

#### II. WHAT IS THIS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ABOUT?

Plaintiff, who Defendants formerly employed as a non-exempt employee, filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of himself and similar employees claiming that Defendants violated California labor laws by: failing to pay wages, failing to provide meal periods, failing to authorize and permit rest periods, failing to indemnify for business expenses, failing to issue proper wage statements, failing to timely pay wages and related allegations.

Defendants deny any wrongdoing, deny Plaintiff's allegations, and contend they were in full compliance with all California labor laws.

The Court has not ruled on whether Plaintiff's allegations have any merit. However, for the purpose of avoiding the time and expense of further litigation, the ultimate outcome of which is uncertain, and to provide a fair and reasonable resolution of this legal dispute, Plaintiff and Defendants have negotiated a settlement whereby Defendants have agreed to pay Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$550,000.00) to resolve all of the class claims listed above. The Settlement is not an admission by Defendants of any liability.

Defendants estimated for purposes of mediation that there were approximately 2,737 total qualifying Work Weeks and 90 Class Members for the period of June 15, 2016 to March 24, 2021. These numbers would be expected to increase proportionately for the passage of time between that date and the time of preliminary approval. If the qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members exceeds the above referenced qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members reported by Defendants by more than 10%, i.e., exceeds 3,011 qualifying Work Weeks and/or 99 Class Members ("Escalator Threshold"), the Maximum Settlement Amount will increase by the difference between the

Escalator Threshold and the additional qualifying Work Weeks or Class Members over the Escalator Threshold. No other payment will be owed by Defendants. III. WHO IS INCLUDED IN THIS CLASS ACTION? The proposed Settlement has two main parts: (1) a Class settlement requiring Defendants to pay Class Settlement Shares to Class Members, and (2) a Private Attorneys General Act ("PAGA") settlement requiring Defendants to pay PAGA Settlement Shares to Aggrieved Employees and penalties to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"). The Class consists of all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California during the Class Period (collectively "Class Members"). The Class Period is May 28, 2016 to April 15, 2021. Aggrieved Employees all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California during the PAGA Period. The PAGA Period is October 21, 2018 to April 15, 2021. IV. WHAT DOES THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OFFER? Defendants will pay \$550,000.00, plus their employer-side payroll taxes, to settle the claims. A A. Settlement Administrator has been appointed to administer the settlement. The Settlement Administrator will pay from the \$550,000.00: (1) costs of administering the claims up to \$6,500.00; (2) attorneys' fees up to \$183,333.00 plus documented costs up to \$15000.00; (3) an enhancement not to exceed \$15,000.00 to Plaintiff for his work on the class claims; and (4) \$4,000.00 as PAGA Penalties (75% of which will be paid to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") and 25% will be paid to the Aggrieved Employees). If the number of Class Members increases by more than 10.00%, the Defendants will pay a pro rata increase in the Gross Settlement Amount, including pro rata increases in the Class Counsel Fees Payment, and the allocation to the Private Attorneys General Act claim. Based on Defendants' records, your estimated individual share of the Class settlement ("Class B. Settlement Share") is \$ . This amount was calculated based on the number of Work Weeks you worked for Defendants during the Class Period. The amount of money you receive is based on the size of your share in comparison to the size of all Class Members' shares combined. The actual amount you may receive likely will be different and will depend on a number of factors. The Settlement Administrator will assign to each Class Member a "Settlement Ratio," which will be a fractional number comprised of (a) the number of Work Weeks that a Class Member worked for Defendants during the Class Period as the numerator, and (b) the aggregate total number of Work Weeks that all Class Members worked during the Class Period as the denominator. The Settlement Administrator will assign to each Class Member the "Class Settlement Share" which will be calculated by multiplying that class member's Settlement Ratio by amount allocated to Class Members from the Net Settlement Amount. Based on Defendants' records, your estimated individual share of the PAGA settlement ("PAGA Settlement Share") is \$\_\_\_\_\_. This amount was calculated based on the number of Pay Periods you worked for Defendants during the period of time from October 21, 2018 through April 15, 2021 ("PAGA Period"). The amount of money you receive is based on the size of your share in comparison to the size of all Aggrieved Employees' shares combined. The Settlement Administrator will assign to each Aggrieved Employee a "PAGA Settlement Ratio," which will be a fractional number comprised of (a) the number of Pay Periods that an Aggrieved Employee worked for Defendants during the PAGA Period as the numerator, and (b) the aggregate total number of Pay Periods that all Aggrieved Employees worked during the PAGA Period as the denominator. The Settlement Administrator will assign to each Aggrieved Employee the "PAGA Settlement Share" which will be calculated by multiplying that class member's PAGA Settlement Ratio by the amount allocated to Aggrieved Employees from the PAGA Penalties. If no amount is stated for your PAGA Settlement Share, then according to Defendants' records you are not eligible for a PAGA Settlement Share under the Settlement because you didn't work during the PAGA Period. D. If you do not exclude yourself from the settlement (according to the procedures explained below),

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you will release any further attempt, by lawsuit, administrative claim or action, arbitration, demand, or other action of any kind (including participation to any extent in any representative or collective action), against Defendants and all of their present and former parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, concepts, related or affiliated companies and its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns, and any individual or entity that could be liable for any of the Released Claims, and Defendants' counsel of record in these Action ("Released Parties"), arising during the period May 28, 2016 through April 15, 2021. The release is limited to any and all state, federal, or local law, whether statutory or common law claims expressly pleaded in the Operative Complaint, or arising out of facts asserted in the Operative Complaint, including claims for: (i) failure to provide rest breaks; (ii) failure to provide meal periods; (iii) failure to pay all wages earned for hours worked at the correct rates of pay; (iv) failure to indemnify; (v) wage statement penalties; (vi) waiting time penalties; (vii) unfair competition ("Class Released Claims"). This release will not take effect until Defendants have paid the Gross Settlement Amount in full per this Settlement Agreement.

If you are an Aggrieved Employee, you cannot opt out of the PAGA portion of the Settlement and you will be deemed to release the Released Parties from all claims for PAGA penalties that were alleged, or reasonably could have been alleged, for the PAGA Period and based on the facts stated in the PAGA Letter that Plaintiff sent to the LWDA.

#### V. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- A. **You may accept your share of the \$550,000.00 settlement.** You will be deemed to have accepted your share of the \$550,000.00 settlement if you do not submit a timely and valid request to be excluded from the settlement as described in this Notice. In accepting your settlement share, you will waive all "Released Claims" as described above.

- D. You may object to the settlement. If you want to object to the settlement because you find it unfair, unreasonable, or inadequate, you may do so according to the procedures set forth below in paragraph IX below. By objecting, you are not excluding yourself from the settlement. To do so, you should follow the procedures below. If the Court approves the settlement despite your objection, and you do not submit a timely request to be excluded from the settlement, you will be sent a check for your settlement share and you will be bound by the Release described above. The Court will consider the merits of all timely objections, whether or not the objector appears at the final fairness hearing.

E. **Timing of Payments of Class Settlement Shares and PAGA Settlement Shares**. The parties do not expect the distribution of Class Settlement Shares and PAGA Settlement Shares to take place for several months, so please be patient and, if you change your address, advise the Settlement Administrator immediately.

## VI. WHAT IS MY ESTIMATED SHARE?

Your *estimated* Class Settlement Share is [insert estimated share]. This amount was calculated based on Defendants' records, which show that you worked approximately <<insert class member Work Weeks>> Work Weeks during the Class Period. This amount is an estimate. The actual amount you receive may be more or less than the estimated amount shown, depending on a number of factors including whether other class members request exclusion from the Settlement and how much the Court approves in attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and other costs.

Your *estimated* PAGA Settlement Share is [insert estimated share]. This amount was calculated based on Defendants' records, which show that you worked approximately <<insert class member PAGA Pay Periods>>> Pay Periods during the PAGA Period.

#### VII. WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT?

- A. The Settlement Administrator will calculate your Class Settlement Share and PAGA Settlement Share of the \$550,000.00 settlement and issue you a check for your settlement share.
- B. The Class Settlement Shares are allocated 33.33% to wages (for which employment taxes will be deducted and W-2s issued) and 66.66% to penalties (for which 1099s will be issued).
- C. You will have one hundred and eighty (180) calendar days from the date of the check's issuance to cash your settlement check. After the expiration of the 180-day period, any amounts from settlement checks that remain uncashed and otherwise unclaimed, plus any interest that has accrued on those funds, will be paid to the California Unclaimed Property Fund.
- D. It is important for the parties to have your current address in order to be able to send you other mailings regarding this case. You should contact the Settlement Administrator to report any change of your address after you receive this Notice. Failure to report a change of address may result in you not receiving money from the settlement.

### VIII. HEARING ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

A final fairness hearing will be held by the Court at <<time>> on <<date>>, in the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, 312 North Spring Street, Spring Street Courthouse, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Dept. SSC-14 (The Honorable Kenneth R. Freeman), to decide whether or not the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate. You do not have to attend the hearing. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Judge may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense.

Effective Monday, April 4, 2022, face masks are strongly recommended inside all Los Angeles County courthouses in alignment with Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidance. The Court's remote appearance technology, LACourtConnect, is available for appearances. To register to appear remotely, visit https://my.lacourt.org/laccwelcome.

#### IX. PROCEDURES FOR EXCLUSION FROM SETTLEMENT

If you wish to exclude yourself settlement, and any payment of amounts under the Agreement, as described above, you must mail a letter to the Settlement Administrator stating that you want to be excluded from the Settlement. You can also use the Exclusion Request form included with this Notice though you are not obligated to do so. This for or your letter must include your name, address, telephone number, and signature on or before 60 days from the mailing of this Notice. The Exclusion Request must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator as follows:

1	To Settlement Administrator:
2	Burdick v. Peach State Roofing, Inc. Settlement Administrator
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5	You may use the enclosed Exclusion Request form for this purpose, though you are not required to request exclusion
6	from the Settlement.
7	X. PROCEDURES FOR OBJECTING TO SETTLEMENT
8	If you wish to object to the settlement as described above, you are strongly encouraged to do two things: (1) submit an objection in writing to the Settlement Administrator stating why you object to the settlement on or before 60 days from the mailing of this Notice; and (2) formally intervene into the court action as an aggrieved party by filing separate paperwork with the Court through your own independent legal counsel or as a <i>pro per</i> .
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10	The written objection should be mailed to the Settlement Administrator as follows:
11	To Settlement Administrator
12	Burdick v. Peach State Roofing, Inc. Settlement Administrator
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16	The written objection should state your full name, address, and the dates of your employment with Defendants. The written objection should state the basis for each specific objection and any legal support in clear and concise terms. The written objection also should state whether you or your lawyer plan to formally intervene in
17	the action and intend to appear and object at the Final Approval Hearing. Class Counsel will file any objections received with the Court within 5 calendar days of receipt. Objectors will be provided with the opportunity to speak
18	at the final approval hearing regardless of whether they have filed an appearance or submitted a written opposition beforehand.
19	If you do not timely object to the Settlement <u>and</u> also formally intervene into the court action as set
20	forth above, you may waive your right to appeal and standing to appeal the class settlement judgment that ultimately is entered by the Court over your objections. If you send an objection and/or formally intervene in the
21	action, you may come to Court and be heard, but you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mail your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend the
22	Final Approval Hearing. The Court will also provide objectors the opportunity to speak at the final approval hearing regardless of whether they have filed an appearance or submitted a written opposition beforehand.
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	XI. EXAMINATION OF COURT PAPERS AND INQUIRIES
24	This Notice summarizes the class action settlement. To obtain additional information regarding the settlement you may: (1) call the Settlement Administrator at; (2) inspect the complete court
25	file at maintained by the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Spring Street Courthouse, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Department SSC-14 (The Honorable
26	Kenneth R. Freeman); (3) or access the court file via the Los Angeles County Superior Court's web site (information about filed civil cases can be found on the Court's general website at https://www).
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1	If you have any questions or comments regarding this Notice, the claims asserted in this class action and/or your rights regarding the settlement, you may contact any of the attorneys for the Class listed below. You will not
2	be charged for speaking with these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense. The attorneys approved by the Court to represent the class of employees are:
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4	David G. Spivak, Esq. The Spivak Law Firm
5	8605 Santa Monica Blvd. PMB 42554
6	West Hollywood, CA 90069 Toll Free: (877) 203-9010
7	Fax: (213) 634-2485  david@spivaklaw.com
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9	The Settlement Agreement and, ultimately, the order giving final approval to the Settlement will be posted on the Settlement Administrator's website at <a href="https://www.com/">www.com/</a>
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## EXHIBIT B

1	Burdick v. Peach State Roofing, Inc. Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 20STCV20397		
2	ELECTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN SETTLEMENT FORM		
3	IF YOU WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND BE ELIGIBLE FO		
4	A SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS,  DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM.		
5	IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND		
6	SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND MAIL IT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW, POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN < <response deadline="">&gt;:</response>		
7	Burdick v. Peach State Roofing, Inc. Class Action Settlement Administrator		
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10	I declare as follows: I have received notice of the proposed settlement in this action and I wish to be excluded from the class and <i>not</i> to participate in the proposed settlement. I understand this means that I will not be		
11	bound by the Settlement and also will not share in the settlement proceeds. I understand that I cannot exclude myself from the PAGA portion of the settlement.		
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20	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and		
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# EXHIBIT C

1	WORK WEEKS/PAGA PAY PERIODS DISPUTE FORM		
2	Superior Court of The State of California		
3	For The County of Los Angeles  Andrew Burdick v. Peach State Roofing, Inc., Case No. 20STCV20397		
4	Indicate Name/Address Changes, if any:		
5	< <name>&gt; &lt;<address>&gt;</address></name>		
6	< <city>&gt;, &lt;<state>&gt; &lt;<zip code="">&gt;  XX – XX</zip></state></city>		
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8	TO ALL PERSONS WHO DEFENDANTS EMPLOYED ON A NON-EXEMPT, HOURLY BASIS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM MAY 28, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2021.		
9	The amount of your estimated Class Settlement Share is based upon the number of Individual Work Weeks you worked between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021. "Individual Work Weeks" are defined as any work week in		
10	which you worked at least one (1) day as an of Peach State Roofing, Inc. and Martin Kelly (collectively "Defendants") in California during the calendar week. The number of Work Weeks applicable to your claim is set forth below.		
11	YOUR ELIGIBLE WORK WEEKS		
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13	Defendants' records indicate that you worked < <number of="" weeks="" work="">&gt; Work Weeks between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021.</number>		
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15	YOUR ESTIMATED SETTLEMENT AND DISPUTE PROCEDURE		
16	Under the terms of the Class Action Settlement, you are entitled to receive a settlement payment in the approximate estimated amount of <<\$Class Settlement Share Amount>> for the class portion of the settlement minus all		
17	applicable payroll and tax deductions, after the Court approves the Settlement and it goes into effect. This process may take six months or more. You will receive a Form W-2 reflecting the payment to you. Your Class Settlement Share reflected on this Notice is only an estimate. The exact amount of the payment could vary, up or down.		
18	If you wish to dispute the number of Work Weeks credited to you, or anything else about your employment status,		
19	you must complete and return this form by indicating what you believe is incorrect on the blank lines below and return it on or before < <response deadline="">&gt; to the Settlement Administrator via U.S. Mail with proof of</response>		
20	the submission date (such as a postmark or delivery service date stamp). You must also send any documents or other information that you contend supports your belief that the information set forth above is incorrect. The Settlement		
21	Administrator will resolve any dispute based upon Defendants' records and any information you provide. Please be advised that the information on this Work Weeks Dispute Form is presumed to be correct unless the documents you		
22	submit are company records from Defendants.		
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25	UNLESS YOU ARE FILING A DISPUTE REGARDING THE NUMBER OF WEEKS, RECEIPT OF A DIRECT SETTLEMENT PAYMENT, OR YOUR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO		
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9	FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
10	(UNLIMITED JURISDICTION)	
11	ANDREW BURDICK, on behalf of himself and	Case No. 20STCV20397
12	all others similarly situated, and as an "aggrieved employee" on behalf of other "aggrieved	[PROPOSED] ORDER
13	employees" under the Labor Code Private	PRELIMINARILY APPROVING
14	Attorneys General Act of 2004,	CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
15	Plaintiff,	Action filed: 5/28/2020 Department: SSC-14, The Honorable
16	vs.	Kenneth R. Freeman
17	PEACH STATE ROOFING, INC., a Georgia	
18	corporation; MARTIN KELLY, A NATURAL PERSON; CHRIS KELLY, A NATURAL	
19	PERSON; and DOES 1–50, inclusive,	
20	Defendant(s).	
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23	The Motion of Plaintiff Andrew Burdic	k (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff") for
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25	Preliminary Approval of a Class Action Settlement (the "Motion") was considered by the Court	
26	the Honorable The Honorable Kenneth R. Freeman presiding. The Court having considered the	
27	Motion, the Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settl	lement and Release of Claims ("Settlement"

or "Settlement Agreement"), and supporting papers, HEREBY ORDERS THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The Court grants preliminary approval of the Settlement and the Settlement Class based upon the terms set forth in the Settlement filed as an Exhibit to the Motion for Preliminary Approval. All terms herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement. The Court has determined there is sufficient evidence to preliminarily determine that (a) the terms of the Settlement appear to be fair, adequate, and reasonable to the Settlement Class and (b) the Settlement falls within the range of reasonableness and appears to be presumptively valid, subject only to any objections that may be raised at the final hearing and final approval by this Court. The Court will make a determination at the hearing on the motion for final approval of class action settlement (the "Final Approval Hearing") as to whether the Settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable to the Settlement Class.
- 2. For purposes of this Preliminary Approval Order, the "Settlement Class" means all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California (collectively "Class Members"), who worked anytime during the Class Period. The "Class Period" shall mean the period of time from May 28, 2016, through April 15, 2021. Defendants estimated for purposes of mediation that there were approximately 2,737 total qualifying Work Weeks and 90 Class Members for the period of June 15, 2016 to March 24, 2021. These numbers would be expected to increase proportionately for the passage of time between that date and the time of preliminary approval. At least 10 days before the Settlement Administrator send out notice of the Settlement to Class Members, the Settlement Administrator will advise Class Counsel of Defendants' report of the total number of qualifying Work Weeks and Class Members between May 28, 2016 and April 15, 2021. If the qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members exceeds the above referenced qualifying Work Weeks and/or Class Members reported by Defendants by

more than 10%, i.e., exceeds 3,011 qualifying Work Weeks and/or 99 Class Members ("Escalator Threshold"), the Maximum Settlement Amount will increase by the difference between the Escalator Threshold and the additional qualifying Work Weeks or Class Members over the Escalator Threshold. No other payment will be owed by Defendants. The "Effective Date" means as follows: If no objection to this Settlement or to any of the terms and or conditions of the Settlement are filed by Plaintiff, another member of the Settlement class, or any intervenor to this Lawsuit, the Effective Date shall occur on the day that the Court enters an order of final approval of this Settlement; however, if any objection to this Settlement or to any of the terms and or conditions of the Stipulation is filed by a member of the Settlement class, or any intervenor to this Lawsuit, the Effective Date shall occur upon the expiration of the time for the filing any appeal of the order of final approval of this Settlement. If an appeal is filed or any writ granted, then the Effective Date shall occur after the appeal has been dismissed or the writ dissolved and when there is no further time to appeal the dismissal of the appeal or the dissolution of the writ. The occurrence of the Effective Date is a prerequisite to any obligation of Defendants to pay any funds into the Settlement Account.

- 3. This action is provisionally certified pursuant to section 382 of the California Code of Civil Procedure and Rule 3.760, et seq. of the California Rules of Court as a class action for purposes of settlement only with respect to the proposed Settlement Class.
- 4. The Court hereby preliminarily finds that the Settlement was the product of serious, informed, non-collusive negotiations conducted at arm's length by the Parties. In making this preliminary finding, the Court considered the nature of the claims set forth in the pleadings, the amounts and kinds of benefits which shall be paid pursuant to the Settlement, the allocation of Settlement proceeds to the Settlement Class, and the fact that the Settlement

represents a compromise of the Parties' respective positions. The Court further preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement have no obvious deficiencies and do not improperly grant preferential treatment to any individual Class Member. Accordingly, the Court preliminarily finds that the Settlement was entered into in good faith.

5. The Court finds that the dates set forth in the Settlement for mailing and distribution of the Class Notice meet the requirements of due process and provide the best notice practicable under the circumstances, and constitute due and sufficient notice to all persons entitled thereto, and directs the mailing of the Class Notice by first class mail to the Settlement Class as set forth in the Settlement. Accordingly, the Court orders the following implementation schedule for further proceedings:

**Defendants** a. By shall provide \_\_\_\_\_, the appointed Settlement Administrator, with: (a) An electronic database of all Class Members, last known mailing address, Social Security number and Defendants' employee identification number ("Class Members' Data"); and (b) Corresponding to each Class Member's name, Defendants shall provide a figure indicating the total number of Work Weeks during the Class Period in which Defendants employed the Class Member. That number of Work Weeks shall be referred to as that Class Member's "Individual Work Weeks;" (c) If any of the Class Members' Data are unavailable to Defendants, Defendants will so inform Class Counsel and the Parties will make their best efforts to reconstruct or otherwise agree upon the Class Members' Data prior to when it must be submitted to the Settlement Administrator. Class Members' Data will otherwise remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone, except as necessary to applicable taxing authorities, or pursuant to Defendants' express written authorization or by order of the Court.

- b. Mailing of Class Notice. By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, approximately fourteen (14) days after receiving the Class Members' Data, or as soon thereafter as it can do so, the Settlement Administrator will mail the Class Notice to all identified Class Members via first-class U.S. mail using the mailing address information provided by Defendants, unless modified by any updated address information that the Settlement Administrator obtains in the course of administration of the Settlement.
- c. Returned Class Notice. If a Class Notice is returned because of an incorrect address, the Settlement Administrator will promptly, and not later than ten (10) days from receipt of the returned Class Notice, search for a more current address for the Class Member and re-mail the Class Notice to the Class Member. The Settlement Administrator will use the Class Members' Data and otherwise work with Defendants' Counsel and Class Counsel to find a more current address. The Settlement Administrator will be responsible for taking reasonable steps, consistent with its agreed-upon job parameters, court orders, and fee, to trace the mailing address of any Class Member for whom a Class Notice is returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service. These reasonable steps shall include the tracking of all undelivered mail; performing address searches for all mail returned without a forwarding address; and promptly re-mailing to Class Members for whom new addresses

are found. If the Class Notice is re-mailed, the Settlement Administrator will note for its own records and notify Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel of the date and address of each such re-mailing as part of a weekly status report provided to the Parties.

- d. **Declaration of Settlement Administrator.** Not later than twenty-one (21) court days prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will provide the Parties for filing with the Court a declaration of due diligence setting forth its compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Prior to the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator will supplement its declaration of due diligence if any material changes occur from the date of the filing of its prior declaration.
- e. Requests for Exclusion from Settlement; and Objections to Settlement.

  Class Members may submit requests to be excluded from the effect of the Settlement, or objections to the Settlement, pursuant to the following procedures:
  - i. Request for Exclusion from Settlement. A Class Member may request to be excluded from the effect of this Agreement, and any payment of amounts under this Agreement, by timely mailing a letter to the Settlement Administrator stating that the Class Member wants to be excluded from this Action. This letter must include the Class Member's name, address, telephone number, and signature. To be valid and timely, the request to be excluded must be postmarked by the date specified in the Class Notice (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or 60 days

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Administrator). A Class Member who properly submits a valid and timely request to be excluded from the Action shall not receive any payment of any kind in connection with this Agreement or this Action, shall not be bound by or receive any benefit of this Agreement, and shall have no standing to object to the Settlement. A request for exclusion must be mailed to the Settlement Administrator at the address provided on the Class Notice. The Settlement Administrator shall transmit the request for exclusion to counsel for the Parties as follows:

To Class Counsel:

To Defense Counsel:

David G. Spivak, Esq. The Spivak Law Firm 8605 Santa Monica Blvd. PMB 42554 West Hollywood, CA 90069 Michael A. Hood Jackson Lewis P.C. 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 500 Irvine, CA 92618

1	address provided on the Class Notice. The Settlement Administrator		
2	shall transmit the objections to counsel for the Parties as follows:		
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4	To Class Counsel: To Defense Counsel:		
5	David G. Spivak, Esq. Michael A. Hood		
6	The Spivak Law Firm Jackson Lewis P.C. 8605 Santa Monica Blvd. 200 Spectrum Center Drive, Suite 500		
7	PMB 42554 Irvine, CA 92618		
8	West Hollywood, CA 90069		
9	The written objection should state the objecting Class Member's full		
10	name, address, and the approximate dates of his or her employment		
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12	with Defendants. The written objection should state the basis for each		
13	specific objection and any legal support in clear and concise terms.		
14	The written objection also should state whether the Class Member		
15	intends to formally intervene and become a party of record in the		
16	action, and upon formally intervening, appear and argue at the Final		
17	Approval Hearing. However, the objectors will be provided with the		
18	opportunity to speak at the final approval hearing regardless of		
19	whether they have filed an appearance or submitted a written		
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21	opposition beforehand.		
22	If the objecting Class Member does not formally intervene in the		
23	action and/or the Court rejects the Class Member's objection, the		
24	Class Member may still be bound by the terms of this Agreement.		
25	f. <b>Report.</b> Not later than fourteen (14) days after the deadline for submission		
26	of requests for exclusion, the Settlement Administrator will provide the		
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1	for attorneys' fees and costs and the Class Representative Payment to the Class Representative.		
2	The notice of motion and all briefs and materials in support of the motion for final approval of		
3	class action settlement and motion for attorneys' fees and litigation costs shall be served and		
4	filed with this Court on or before		
5	14. If for any reason the Court does not execute and file a final approval order and		
7	judgment, or if the Effective Date, as defined in the Settlement, does not occur for any reason,		
8	the proposed Settlement that is the subject of this order, and all evidence and proceedings had		
9	in connection therewith, shall be without prejudice to the status quo ante rights of the Parties to		
10	the litigation, as more specifically set forth in the Settlement.		
11	15. The Court expressly reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final Approval		
12	Hearing from time to time without further notice to members of the Class. The Plaintiff shall		
13	give prompt notice of any continuance to Settlement Class Members who object to the		
14 15	Settlement.		
16	IT IS SO ORDERED.		
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18	DATED: THE HONORABLE KENNETH R. FREEMAN		
19	JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT		
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12	ANDREW BURDICK, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, and as an "aggrieved"	Case No. 20STCV20397	
13	employee" on behalf of other "aggrieved	[PROPOSED] FINAL ORDER AND JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS	
14	employees" under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004,	ACTION SETTLEMENT	
15	Plaintiff,	Action filed: 5/28/2020	
16	VS.	Department: SSC-14, The Honorable Kenneth R. Freeman	
17	PEACH STATE ROOFING, INC., a Georgia		
18	corporation; MARTIN KELLY, A NATURAL		
19	PERSON; CHRIS KELLY, A NATURAL PERSON; and DOES 1–50, inclusive,		
20	Defendant(s).		
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22	This matter came on for hearing on	atm. in	
23	Department SSC-14 of the above-captioned court	on Plaintiff's Motion for Final Approval of a	
24	Class Action Settlement pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.769, as set forth in the		
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26	Joint Stipulation of Class Action Settlement and Release of Claims (the "Settlement") filed		
27	herewith which provides for a Gross Settlement	Amount ("GSA") of up to \$550,000.00 in	
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compromise of all disputed claims on behalf of all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California at any time during the period of May 28, 2016 to April 15, 2021 ("Settlement Class Period"). All capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement.

In accordance with the Court's prior Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, Class Members have been given notice of the terms of the Settlement and the opportunity to submit a claim, request exclusion, comment upon or object to it or to any of its terms. Having received and considered the Settlement, the supporting papers filed by the Parties, and the evidence and argument received by the Court in conjunction with the motions for preliminary and final approval of the Settlement, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement and HEREBY ORDERS, ADJUDGES, DECREES AND MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATIONS<sup>1</sup>:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and over all Parties to the Action, including all Class Members. Pursuant to this Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Class Notice was sent to each Class Member by First Class U.S. mail. The Class Notice informed Class Members of the terms of the Settlement, their right to receive their proportional share of the Settlement, their right to request exclusion, their right to comment upon or object to the Settlement, and their right to appear in person or by counsel at the final approval hearing and be heard regarding final approval of the Settlement. Adequate periods of time were provided by each of these procedures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A true and correct copy of the Court's ruling on the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement entered on \_\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated by reference. A true and correct copy of the Court's Minute Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated by reference.

No member of the Settlement Class presented written objections to the proposed Settlement as part of this notice process, stated an intention to appear, or actually appeared at the final approval hearing.

- 2. For purposes of this Final Order and Judgment, the Class Members are all persons who Defendants employed on a non-exempt, hourly basis in California during the Class Period. at any time during the period of May 28, 2016 to April 15, 2021 ("Settlement Class Period").
- 3. The Court finds and determines that the notice procedure afforded adequate protections to Class Members and provides the basis for the Court to make an informed decision regarding final approval of the Settlement based on the responses of Class Members. The Court finds and determines that the notice provided in this case was the best notice practicable, which satisfied the requirements of law and due process as to all persons entitled to such notice.
- 2. Release by Plaintiff and Class Members. The Settlement will release any further attempt, by lawsuit, administrative claim or action, arbitration, demand, or other action of any kind by each and all of the Settlement Class Members (including participation to any extent in any representative or collective action), against Defendants and all of their present and former parent companies, subsidiaries, divisions, concepts, related or affiliated companies and its shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns, and any individual or entity that could be liable for any of the Released Claims, and Defendants' counsel of record in these Action ("Released Parties"), arising during the period May 28, 2016 through April 15, 2021, are limited to any and all claims under state, federal, or local law, whether statutory or common law arising out of the claims expressly pleaded the Actions and all other claims, such as those under the California Labor Code, Wage Orders, regulations, and/or other provisions of law, that could have been pleaded based on the facts pleaded in the Action for: (i)

failure to provide rest breaks; (ii) failure to provide meal periods; (iii) failure to pay all wages earned for hours worked at the correct rates of pay; (iv) failure to indemnify; (v) wage statement penalties; (vi) waiting time penalties; (vii) unfair competition; and (viii) civil penalties under PAGA ("Released Claims"). This release will not take effect until Defendants have paid the Gross Settlement Amount in full per this Settlement Agreement.

- 4. The Court finds and determines that (a) the Class Settlement Shares to be paid to Participating Class Members and (b) the LWDA payment as civil penalties under the California Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, as amended, California Labor Code sections 2699 *et seq.*, as provided for by the Settlement are fair and reasonable. The Court hereby grants final approval to, and orders the payment of, those amounts be made to the Participating Class Members and to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA"), in accordance with the terms of the Settlement.

- 5. The Court further grants final approval to and orders that the following payments be made in accordance with the terms of the Settlement:
- a. Class Counsel fees & costs of \$183,333.00 in attorneys' fees and \$15,000.00 in litigation costs to Class Counsel;
- b. \$15,000.00as a Class Representative Payment award payable to Plaintiff
  Andrew Burdick for his service as a Class Representative;
- c. \$7,000.00 in costs of the Settlement Administrator payable to ILYM Group, Inc. for its services as the Settlement Administrator; and
- d. Payment of \$3,000.00 (75% of the (\$4,000.00 PAGA penalty) to the LWDA.
- 7. The settlement shall proceed as directed in the Settlement, and no payments pursuant to the Settlement shall be distributed until after the Effective Date of Settlement. Without affecting the finality of this Final Order and Judgment in any way, the Court retains jurisdiction of all matters relating to the interpretation, administration, implementation, effectuation and enforcement of this Final Order and Judgment and the Settlement pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.769(h).
- 8. Within 10 calendar days of the Effective Date of Settlement, Defendants shall deposit the Settlement proceeds in an account designated by the Settlement Administrator: (i) the total amount of all Class Settlement Shares to Participating Class Members, (ii) the Court approved Class Counsel fees & costs, (iii) the Court-approved Class Representative Payment, (iv) the Court-approved costs of the Settlement Administrator, and (v) the payment to the LWDA.
- 9. Defendants' payment of such sums shall be the sole financial obligation of Defendants under the Settlement, and shall be in full satisfaction of all claims released herein,

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- 13. The Court hereby enters final judgment in this case in accordance with the terms of the Settlement, Order Granting Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, and this Final Order and Judgment.
  - 14. The Parties are hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the Settlement.
- 15. The Parties shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees except as otherwise provided by the Settlement and this Final Order and Judgment.
- 16. The Settlement is not an admission by Defendants nor is this Final Order and Judgment a finding of the validity of any claims in the Action or of any wrongdoing by Defendants. Furthermore, the Settlement is not a concession by Defendants and shall not be used as an admission of any fault, omission, or wrongdoing by Defendants. Neither this Final Order and Judgment, the Settlement, any document referred to herein, any exhibit to any document referred to herein, any action taken to carry out the Settlement, nor any negotiations or proceedings related to the Settlement are to be construed as, or deemed to be evidence of, or an admission or concession with regard to, the denials or defenses of Defendants, and shall not be offered in evidence in any proceeding against the Parties hereto in any Court, administrative agency, or other tribunal for any purpose whatsoever other than to enforce the provisions of this Final Order and Judgment. This Final Order and Judgment, the Settlement and exhibits thereto, and any other papers and records on file in the Action may be filed in this Court or in any other litigation as evidence of the settlement by Defendants to support a defense of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, or other theory of claim or issue preclusion or similar defense as to the Released Claims.

1	1 This document shall constitute a Judgment for purposes of Califor	nia Rule of	
2	Court 3.769(h).		
3	IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.		
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6	6   THE HONORABLE KENNETH R. F		
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