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Superior Court Linda Myhre Enlow Thurston County Clerk

STATE OF WASHINGTON THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND,

Respondent.

5-2-01370-7

PETITION FOR ORDER APPROVING ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE PURSUANT RCW 19.86.100

COMES NOW, State of Washington, by and through its attorneys, Robert W. Ferguson, Attorney General and Sarah Shifley, Assistant Attorney General and petitions this Court for an Order approving the attached Assurance of Discontinuance. This petition is made pursuant to RCW 19.86.100, which authorizes the Attorney General to accept an Assurance of Discontinuance in the enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act. A proposed order is enclosed.

day of July, 2015.

Presented By:

ROBERT W. FERGUSON Attorney General

SARAH SHIFLEY, WSBA Assistant Attorney General

Attorneys for State of Washington

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NO. 15-2-01370-7 ORDER APPROVING ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE PURSUANT

RCW 19.86.100

Pursuant to RCW 19.86.100, which authorizes the Attorney General to accept an Assurance of Discontinuance in the enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act, the Court hereby approves and orders entry of the Assurance of Discontinuance in this matter. Following entry of the Assurance of Discontinuance, the clerk is directed to close this matter.

DATED this 21⁵ day of 1/14, 2015.

REBEKAH ZINN COURT COMMISSIONER

JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

Approved for Entry and Presented By:

ROBERT W. FERGUSON Attorney General

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SARAH SHIFLEY, WSBA#39394

Assistant Attorney General

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In re:

No. 15-2-01370-7

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND,

ASSURANCE OF DISCONTINUANCE

Respondent.

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The State of Washington, by and through its attorneys, Robert W. Ferguson, Attorney General, and Sarah Shifley, Assistant Attorney General, files this Assurance of Discontinuance pursuant to RCW 19.86.100.

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1. The Attorney General initiated an investigation into the charitable registration status of the Respondent, League of Women Voters Education Fund.

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2. The Attorney General deems the following to constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020, and violations of the

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Soliciting or collecting charitable contributions from the general public in the state of Washington, without registering as a charitable organization with the Washington Secretary of State as required by RCW 19.09.

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3. Respondent agrees to cease operating as a charitable organization in the state of Washington unless and until Respondent has successfully registered as a charitable organization

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Charitable Solicitation Act, RCW 19.09:

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with the Washington Secretary of State. If Respondent continues to operate as a charitable organization in the state of Washington, proof of the registration must be received by the Office of the Attorney General in order to comply with the requirements of this Assurance of Discontinuance.

- The Respondent agrees to pay the costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by 4. the Attorney General in pursuing this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable in full upon signing this Assurance of Discontinuance. Payment shall be made by valid cashier's check, paid to the order of Attorney General—State of Washington.
- Respondent shall send the signed Assurance of Discontinuance and the cashier's 5. check to the Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Cynthia Lockridge, Consumer Protection Division, 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, Washington, 98104-3188.
- This Assurance of Discontinuance shall not be considered an admission of 6. violation of the Consumer Protection Act or the Charitable Solicitations Act for any purposes, but failure to comply with this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be prima facie evidence of violations of RCW 19.86.020, thereby placing upon the violator, League of Women Voters Education Fund, and its officers, directors, and principals, the burden of defending against imposition by the Court of injunctions, restitution, and civil penalties of up to \$2,000.00 per violation and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Attorney General in pursuing such action.
- Under no circumstances shall this Assurance of Discontinuance or the name of the 7. State of Washington, the Office of the Attorney General, the Washington Secretary of State, or any of its employees or representatives be used by the Respondent or by its officers, employees, representatives, or agents in conjunction with any business activity of the Respondent.

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1	8. Nothing in this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be construed so as to limit or			
2	bar any other person or entity from pursuing any legal remedies against the Respondent.			
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4	APPROVED IN OPEN COURT THIS $\frac{2}{}$	day of _	July	, 2015.
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