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In the Matter of)
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THE HONORABLE JIM LOVELESS,)
Justice of the Peace, Union Township Justice)
Court, Humboldt County, State of Nevada,)
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Respondent.)

CASE NO. 88881

**CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF
CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

Pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29, I hereby certify that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND filed with the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline on June 24, 2024.

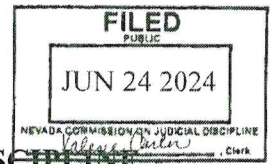
DATED this 24th day of June, 2024.

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BEFORE THE NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONORABLE
JIM LOVELESS, Justice of the Peace,
Union Township Justice Court,
Humboldt County, State of Nevada,

Case No.: 2023-100-P

Respondent.

STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND

In order to resolve the judicial conduct complaint pending before the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline (the “Commission”), the Respondent, Honorable Jim Loveless, Justice of the Peace, Union Township Justice Court, Humboldt County, State of Nevada (“Respondent” or “Judge Loveless”), and the Commission stipulate to the following pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29:

1. Respondent admits that he violated Canon 1 of the Code, Rule 1.1, requiring the Respondent to comply with the law, including the Code itself; and Rule 1.2, requiring the Respondent to act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity and impartiality of the judiciary and avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety; and Canon 3 of the Code, Rule 3.1(A), prohibiting Respondent, when engaging in extrajudicial activities, from participating in activities that will interfere with the proper performance of the judge’s judicial duties; and Rule 3.1(C), prohibiting Respondent from participating in activities that would appear to a reasonable person to undermine the judge’s integrity; or any of these Rules, in his capacity as a Justice of the Peace in and for the Union Township Justice Court, in Humboldt County, State of Nevada, by knowingly or unknowingly engaging in an act, a combination of acts, or all of the following acts, which occurred during the circumstances stated below:

A. On or about December 31, 2022, and January 28, 2023, Respondent was intoxicated as the on-call Justice of the Peace when he was contacted via telephone by law enforcement personnel for search warrant requests.

B. In January of 2022, Respondent was arrested and pleaded guilty to the

1 charge of Driving Under the Influence in Indian Springs, Nevada.

2 C. Respondent's actions have harmed his court and staff, interfered with
3 Respondent's judicial duties, as well as affected law enforcement's ability to carry out their
4 obligations to the community under the law.

5 i. Respondent submits the following potential factors in mitigation:

6 a. Respondent has accepted full responsibility for his actions,
7 acknowledged his alcohol abuse, and is seeing a licensed
8 alcohol counselor on a weekly basis;

9 b. Respondent voluntarily held a heartfelt meeting with his
10 judicial staff where he apologized for his behavior; and,

11 c. Respondent is not seeking re-election as Justice of the Peace.

12 2. Respondent admits to all the allegations and potential mitigating factors set forth
13 in paragraphs (1)(A) through (1)(C) as set forth above.

14 3. Respondent agrees to waive his right to present his case and to contest the
15 allegations in the information set forth above in a formal hearing pursuant to Commission
16 Procedural Rule 18. Respondent also agrees that this Stipulation and Order of Consent to Public
17 Reprimand ("Order") takes effect immediately, pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 29. The
18 Commission accepts Respondent's waiver of said right and acknowledges and agrees to the
19 immediate effect of this Order. Respondent further agrees to appear before the Commission in a
20 public proceeding, if required by the Commission, to discuss this Order in more detail and
21 answer any questions from the Commissioners related to this case.

22 4. Respondent agrees and acknowledges that this Order will be published on the
23 Commission's website and filed with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

24 5. Respondent and the Commission hereby stipulate to Respondent's consent to a
25 public reprimand pursuant to Rule 29. Notwithstanding the potential mitigating factors (as
26 submitted by Respondent above), Respondent nevertheless stipulates to the following substantive
27 provisions:

28 A. He agrees the evidence available to the Commission would establish by

1 clear and convincing proof that he violated the Code, including Canon 1, Rules 1.1 and 1.2, and
2 Canon 3, Rules 3.1(A) and 3.1(C).

3 B. He further agrees that his actions as described above justify the imposition
4 of discipline in this matter, and merit the specific discipline stipulated to herein.

5 C. He agrees the discipline of a public reprimand is justified and authorized
6 by Article 6, Section 21(1) of the Nevada Constitution; NRS 1.4653; NRS 1.4677(1)(a); NRS
7 1.4694; and Commission Procedural Rule 29.

8 D. He stipulates to a public reprimand for violations of the Judicial Canons
9 and Rules as set forth in paragraph 1 above.

10 E. He agrees to continue attending alcohol counseling on a weekly basis and
11 to timely follow and comply with any course of action recommended by the counselor. He has
12 further committed to participating in a 30-day inpatient rehabilitation program through the
13 Veterans Administration shortly following the end of his current judicial term.

14 6. Respondent understands and agrees that, by accepting the terms of this Order, he
15 waives his right to appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court, pursuant to Rule 3D of the Nevada
16 Rules of Appellate Procedure. Respondent also waives all other forms of extraordinary relief for
17 purposes of challenging this Order.

18 **ORDER**

19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is publicly reprimanded for violating the
20 Code, Canon 1, Rules 1.1 and 1.2, and Canon 3, Rules 3.1(A) and 3.1(C).

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall (1) continue attending alcohol
22 counseling on a weekly basis and timely follow and comply with any course of action
23 recommended by the counselor; and (2) participate in a 30-day inpatient rehabilitation program
24 through the Veterans Administration shortly following the end of his current judicial term.

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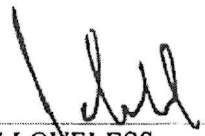
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Director of the Commission take the necessary steps to file this document in the appropriate records and on the website of the Commission and with the Clerk of the Nevada Supreme Court.

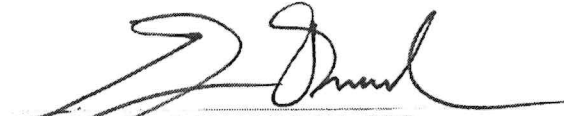
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DATED: June 17, 2024.



JIM LOWELESS
Respondent

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1 **NEVADA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE**

2 The Commissioners listed below accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order of
3 Consent to Public Reprimand. They further authorize the Chairman, if requested, to sign on
4 behalf of the Commission, as a whole, this document containing the Stipulation and Order of
5 Consent to Public Reprimand.

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7 Signed by:

Dated:

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10 GARY VAUSE, CHAIRMAN

June 24, 2024

11 STEFANIE HUMPHREY, VICE-CHAIR

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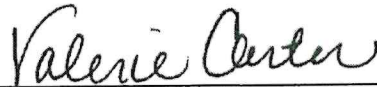
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I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline and that on the 24th day of June, 2024, I served a copy of the CERTIFIED COPY OF STIPULATION AND ORDER OF CONSENT TO PUBLIC REPRIMAND by email and U.S. Mail, addressed to the following:

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