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STATE OF WASHINGTON
SPOKANE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

In re:

NO.

19202998-32

THE FREE HANDYMAN SERVICE
FOR DISABLED VETERANS, a
Washington nonprofit corporation d/b/a
FREE HANDYMAN FOR DISABLED
VETERANS,

ORDER APPROVING ASSURANCE
OF DISCONTINUANCE PURSUANT
RCW 19.86.100

Respondent.

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 17th day of July, 2019.


TONY HAZEL

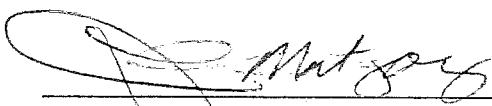
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ASSURANCE OF
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Washington nonprofit corporation,
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DISABLED VETERANS,

Respondent.

The State of Washington, by its attorneys, Robert W. Ferguson, Attorney General, and David M. Horn, Senior Counsel, files this Assurance of Discontinuance pursuant to RCW 19.86.100.

1. The Attorney General initiated an investigation into the charitable registration status of the Respondent, The Free Handyman Service for Disabled Veterans, a Washington nonprofit corporation, d/b/a Free Handyman For Disabled Veterans.

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 Charitable Solicitation Act, RCW 19.09.065(1) and RCW 19.09.100(12):

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.

1 3. Respondent agrees to pay the costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred by the
2 Attorney General in pursuing this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00. The payment shall be made
3 by valid check, paid to the order of Attorney General—State of Washington, upon execution of
4 this Assurance.

5 4. Respondent shall immediately send the signed Order, the signed Assurance of
6 Discontinuance, and the check for \$1,000.00 to the Office of the Attorney General, **Attention:**
7 **Margaret Farmer**, Consumer Protection Division, 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle,
8 Washington, 98104-3188.

9 5. Respondent agrees to file its delinquent financial reports for 2016 and 2017 with
10 the Washington Secretary of State by June 30, 2019 , then keep its financial information up to
11 date.

12 6. Respondent agrees that it will register as a charitable organization with the
13 Charities Division by June 30, 2019 and keep its registrations up to date.

14 7. This Assurance of Discontinuance shall not be considered an admission of
15 violation of the Consumer Protection Act or the Charitable Solicitations Act for any purposes, but
16 failure to comply with this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be *prima facie* evidence of
17 violations of RCW 19.86.020, for which the violator, The Free Handyman Service for Disabled
18 Veterans, a Washington nonprofit corporation, d/b/a Free Handyman For Disabled Veterans, and
19 its officers, directors, and principals, may be found liable by the Court for injunctions, restitution,
20 civil penalties of up to \$2,000.00 per violation, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees,
21 incurred by the Attorney General in pursuing such action.

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1 8. Under no circumstances may Respondent or its officers, employees,
2 representatives, or agents use or cite this Assurance of Discontinuance or the name of the State of
3 Washington, the Office of the Attorney General, the Washington Secretary of State, or any of
4 their employees or representatives in conjunction with any business or charitable activity of the
5 Respondent, including but not limited to claiming that the State has approved of Respondent's
6 business or charitable practices.
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8 9. Nothing in this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be construed so as to limit or
9 bar any other person or entity from pursuing any legal remedies against the Respondent.
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11 APPROVED IN OPEN COURT THIS 17th day of July, 2019.
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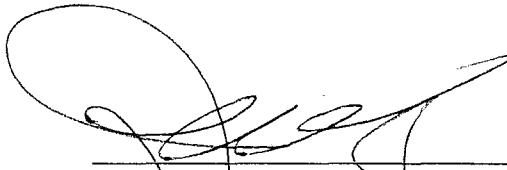
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