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NOTICE OF COURT ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

KIM TOWNSEL V. HENDERSON & WALTON WOMEN'S CENTER, P.C.
01-CV-2024-900914.00

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ORDER

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA
 BIRMINGHAM DIVISION**

TOWNSEL KIM,
 Plaintiff,

V.

HENDERSON & WALTON WOMEN'S
 CENTER, P.C.,
 Defendant.

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Case No.: CV-2024-900914.00

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
 APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, this Action is a putative class action before the Court;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff, individually, and on behalf of the Settlement Class, and Defendant have agreed, subject to Court approval under the Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, to settle this Action upon the terms and conditions stated in the Agreement, which, among other things and together with its exhibits, provides for a complete dismissal on the merits and with prejudice of the claims asserted in the Action against Defendant should the Court grant Final Approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, Plaintiff filed an unopposed motion requesting entry of an order to: (1) conditionally certify the Settlement Class; (2) appoint Plaintiff as Class Representative; (3) appoint counsel listed in the Agreement as Class Counsel; (4) preliminarily approve the Settlement; (5) approve the Notice Program and Notices and direct that Notice be sent to the Settlement Class members; (6) approve the Claim Form and Claims process; (7) order the Settlement's opt-out and objection procedures; (8) appoint Angeion Group. as the Settlement Administrator; (9) stay all deadlines in the Action pending Final Approval of the Settlement; (10) enjoin and bar all members of the Settlement Class from initiating or continuing in any

litigation or asserting any claims against Defendant and the Released Parties arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Released Claims prior to the Court's decision to grant Final Approval of the Settlement; and (11) set a date for the Final Approval Hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the Agreement, all the files, records, and proceedings herein, statements of counsel, and it appearing to the Court that a Final Approval Hearing should be held to determine whether the proposed settlement described in the Agreement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All capitalized terms herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in Section II of the Settlement Agreement.
2. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Action and the Parties, including Plaintiff and all Settlement Class Members.
3. The Court preliminarily approves of the Settlement, including the Notice Program, finding that the proposed Settlement is sufficiently fair, reasonable, and adequate to warrant providing Notice to the Settlement Class, but such finding is not to be deemed as an admission of fault or liability by Defendant or a finding of the validity of any claims asserted in the Action or of any wrongdoing or of any violation of law by Defendant. Defendant shall maintain all rights to assert that, but for settlement purposes, the Action should not be certified as a class.
4. For purposes of determining whether the terms of the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, the following Settlement Class is preliminarily certified for settlement purposes only:

All persons whose personal information and/or protected health information was potentially compromised as a result of the Cyber Security Incident which occurred between February 11, 2022, and February 14, 2022.

5. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (a) governmental entities; and (b) the Judge assigned to the Action, that Judge's immediate family, and Court staff.

6. The Court preliminarily finds that the terms of the Settlement are fair, adequate, and reasonable. In so finding, the Court has considered several factors, including: (1) the complexity and duration of the litigation; (2) the reaction of the class to the settlement; (3) the stage of the proceedings; (4) the risk of establishing liability; (5) the risk of establishing damages; (6) the risk of maintaining a class action; (7) the ability of the defendant to withstand a greater judgment; (8) the reasonableness of the settlement in light of the best recovery; and (9) the range of reasonableness of the settlement in light of all the attendant risks of litigation.

7. The Court finds that, for purposes of settlement: the number of members of the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder is impracticable; there are questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class; the claims of the Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the members of the Settlement Class; Plaintiff is an adequate representative for the Settlement Class, and has retained experienced and adequate Class Counsel; the questions of law and fact common to the members of the Settlement Class predominate over any questions affecting any individual members of the Settlement Class; and a class action is superior to the other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy.

8. For purposes of settlement only, the Court finds and determines that Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class in enforcing their rights in the Action, and appoints her as Class Representative, and the following attorneys are preliminarily appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class: Mariya Weekes of Milberg PLLC.

9. The Parties have selected Angeion Group. to serve as the Settlement Administrator. The Court hereby approves of and appoints Angeion Group and directs it to commence the Notice

Program and initiate the Claims Process and to otherwise comply with all obligations of the Settlement Administrator as outlined in the Agreement.

10. The Parties have prepared the Notices, which are attached to the Settlement Agreement. The Court preliminarily finds that the Notice provided to Settlement Class members is the most practicable notice; is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action and of their right to object or to exclude themselves from the Settlement; and is reasonable and constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members entitled to receive notice.

11. The Court has carefully reviewed and hereby approves the Notices as to form and content and directs that they be without material alteration unless otherwise modified by agreement of the Parties and approved by the Court. The Court directs that the Notice Program be implemented as outlined in the Agreement.

12. Settlement Class Members who wish to opt-out of the Settlement and exclude themselves from participation may do so by submitting timely and valid requests at any time before the Opt-Out Period (30 days before the Final Approval Hearing). The process to opt-out is set forth in the Agreement and in the Notices. Settlement Class members who opt-out shall have no rights under the Settlement, shall not share in any Settlement Class Member Benefits, and shall not be bound by the Settlement or by the Final Approval Order.

13. All Settlement Class Members who do not submit a timely, written request for exclusion in the manner set forth in the Notice and Agreement shall be bound by any Final Approval Order and final judgment entered, even if such Settlement Class Members never received actual notice of this Action or the Settlement. If Final Approval of the Settlement is granted, they shall be barred, now and in the future, from asserting any of the Released Claims, as defined in the

Agreement, against any Released Parties as defined in the Agreement.

14. Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the Settlement and/or to Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards shall file with the Court and mail to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel and the Settlement Administrator any objections pursuant to the requirements of this paragraph. To be considered, the objection must include: (a) the objector's full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address (if any); (b) all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection known to the objector or objector's counsel; (c) the number of times the objector has objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date that the objector files the objection, the caption of each case in which the objector has made such objection, and a copy of any orders related to or ruling upon the objector's prior objections that were issued by the trial and appellate courts in each listed case; (d) the identity of all counsel who represent the objector, including any former or current counsel who may be entitled to compensation for any reason related to the objection to the Settlement and/or Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Award; (e) the number of times in which the objector's counsel and/or counsel's law firm have objected to a class action settlement within the 5 years preceding the date of the filed objection, and the caption of each case in which counsel or the firm has made such objection; (f) the identity of all counsel (if any) representing the objector, and whether they will appear at the Final Approval Hearing; (g) a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objection (if any); (h) a statement confirming whether the objector intends to personally appear and/or testify at the Final Approval Hearing; and (i) the objector's signature (an attorney's signature is not sufficient).

15. Objections to the Settlement and/or the Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and

Service Awards must be filed with the Court, and sent by U.S. Mail to Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, and the Settlement Administrator. For an objection to be considered by the Court, the objection must be submitted no later than 45 days before the original date set for the Final Approval Hearing as specified in the Notices. If submitted by mail, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date the mail is postmarked. If submitted by courier, an objection shall be deemed to have been submitted on the shipping date reflected on the shipping label.

16. In advance of the Final Approval Hearing, the Settlement Administrator shall prepare a declaration for the Parties confirming that the Notice Program was completed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Preliminary Approval Order, describing how the Notice Program was completed, indicating the number of Claim Forms received, providing the names of each Settlement Class Member who timely and properly requested to opt out from the Settlement Class, indicating the number of objections received, and other information as may be necessary to allow the Parties to seek and obtain Final Approval.

17. The Court will hold a Final Approval Hearing to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement on August 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The Court is informing the Parties the Final Approval Hearing will be held in person. The date and time of the Final Approval Hearing will be set forth in the Notice and published on the Settlement Website. During the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate, and whether the Court should enter the proposed Final Approval Order and final judgment approving the Settlement and dismissing this Action on the merits, with prejudice. The Court will also consider the amount of any attorneys' fees and costs to be awarded to Class Counsel and whether to approve the amount of any Service Award

to the Class Representatives. The Final Approval Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or rescheduled by order of the Court without further notice to Settlement Class Members other than on the Settlement Website and the Court's docket.

18. The Court confirms the following schedule (which the court, upon showing of good cause by the Parties, may extend any of the deadlines):

Defendant to provide Class List: Within 10 days of Preliminary Approval

Deadline to commence Notice Program: 20 days following entry of Preliminary Approval Order

Deadline for filing Motion for Final Approval, including Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Service Awards: 15 days before the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing

Opt-out Deadline: 30 days before the date of the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing

Objection Deadline: 45 days before the date of the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing

Claim Form Deadline: 15 days following the date of the initially scheduled Final Approval Hearing

Final Approval Hearing: +120 days from entry of Preliminary Approval Order (or such later date available on the Court's calendar).

19. If the Settlement is terminated, not approved, canceled, fails to become effective for any reason, or the Effective Date does not occur, this order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff, the Settlement Class members, and Defendant, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions in the Action as provided in the Agreement.

20. The Court stays all proceedings in this Action until further Order of the Court, except that the Parties may conduct such limited proceedings as may be necessary to implement the Settlement or to effectuate the term of the Agreement. Upon the entry of this order, with the exception of Class Counsel, Defendant's Counsel, Defendant, and the Class Representative,

implementation of the Settlement and the approval process in this Action, all members of the Settlement Class shall be provisionally enjoined and barred from asserting any claims or continuing any litigation against the Defendant and the Released Parties arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Released Claims prior to the Court's decision as to whether to grant Final Approval of the Settlement. For the benefit of the Settlement Class and to protect this Court's jurisdiction, this Court retains continuing jurisdiction over the Settlement proceedings to ensure the effectuation thereof in accordance with the Settlement preliminarily approved herein and the related orders of this Court.

DONE this 24th day of March, 2026.

/s/ BRENDETTE BROWN GREEN
CIRCUIT JUDGE
