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8 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

10 MICHAEL C. MIGLIORANZA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 IL FORNAIO (AMERICA) LLC; and
14 DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

15 Defendants.
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Case No. 24STCV08111

**DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF
MICHAEL C. MIGLIORANZA IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR APPROVAL OF PAGA
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

RESERVATION ID: 432421623443

Hearing Information:

Date: June 18, 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Dept.: 408
Judge: Hon. Peter A. Hernandez

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1. I am over the age of 18 years old and a resident of the United States. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called upon to testify, I could and would do so competently. I make this declaration in support of Plaintiff's Motion for Approval of the PAGA Settlement Agreement.

2. I am the named Plaintiff in the above-captioned action (the “Action”). In this declaration I set forth a summary of my efforts and participation in the Action and my understanding of my responsibilities and duties as a private attorney general for my fellow employees.

3. IL Fornaio (America) LLC (“Defendant” or (IL Fornaio”) operates or operated over a dozen “IL Fornaio Cucina Italiana” locations throughout the State of California, including a location in Pasadena, CA. I am a former employee of IL Fornaio and worked for the company as a server from approximately July 2022 until July 2023.

4. I originally contacted Domb & Rauchwerger LLP with respect to issues I experienced during my employment with Il Fornaio. I had numerous discussions with Domb & Rauchwerger prior to us collectively deciding to proceed with a wage and hour case that included both my individual wage and hour claims and a claim for penalties under the Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (“PAGA”). As part of the process of preparing the case, I spent numerous hours reviewing my files and records for any documents related to my employment with Il Fornaio. The search for these documents included reviewing hard copies of documents that I kept, emails, and text messages.

5. Once I entered into a written agreement with Domb & Rauchwerger for them to proceed with a case, I had additional conversations with them as they prepared the Complaint. Once the Complaint was prepared, I thoroughly reviewed the Complaint and had a call with my attorneys so they could explain everything and answer questions on how the case might proceed.

6. Eventually I was informed that the case would likely move to arbitration, and I spoke again with my attorneys about what that would mean for the case. Once the case was

1 moved to arbitration, I assisted my attorneys with preparing the initial disclosures in order to
2 provide information and documents to the Defendant. I also reviewed certain documents that Il
3 Fornaio produced and answered my attorneys' questions regarding those documents.

4 7. My attorneys informed me of the opportunity to attend mediation and how it would
5 present an opportunity to resolve the matter. I had additional phone calls with my attorneys as
6 they prepared the case for mediation. My attorneys also sent me, and I reviewed, a lengthy
7 mediation brief that they prepared for the mediator. I also attended the mediation itself, which
8 lasted all day.

9 8. After the case settled, I was sent a lengthy settlement agreement which I reviewed
10 with the assistance of my attorneys, and I had the opportunity to ask them questions I had about
11 some of the language in the settlement agreement. After the settlement agreement was finalized and
12 signed, I had additional discussions with my attorneys regarding updates on finalizing and obtaining
13 approval of the settlement.

14 9. Overall, I have made myself available whenever my attorneys needed my
15 assistance and obtained and provided documents and information that aided in litigation of the
16 PAGA claims in order to help out my fellow employees, the State of California, and to ensure
17 that the issues I experienced at Il Fornaio did not continue for current employees

18 10. Based on my efforts in this case, finding a lawyer, organizing and providing
19 numerous documents to my lawyers that were very helpful to the case, numerous calls and emails
20 with my lawyers, being named as a plaintiff in a lawsuit, participating in the litigation process as
21 summarized above, and the excellent settlement result that my attorneys were able to achieve, I
22 believe the requested Enhancement Payment of \$10,000 is appropriate. Besides my share of the
23 PAGA penalties (which I understand will not be substantial because most of the penalties are
24 going to the State and the remaining penalties are split amongst all the employees), I am not
25 receiving any other form of compensation for my claims or my participating in this lawsuit, other
26 than the requested enhancement payment.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
2 foregoing is true and correct.

3 Executed on 05 / 13 / 2026, in Los Angeles County, California.

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