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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

ISMAEL MERCADO, ALEX ORTIZ and
SAVANNAH RHUE, individually and on behalf
of others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

NATURAL ALTERNATIVES
INTERNATIONAL, INC.; and DOES 1
through 25, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 37-2023-00052115-CU-OE-CTL
(Consolidated with Case No. 24CU008031C)

Honorable Blaine K. Bowman
Department C-74

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Complaint Filed: December 1, 2023
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2 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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- 7 • **NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF**
8 **CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND**
9 **AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT THEREOF**
10 • **DECLARATION OF ANNABEL BLANCHARD IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'**
11 **MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA**
12 **SETTLEMENT**
13 • **DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF ISMAEL MERCADO IN SUPPORT OF MOTION**
14 **FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**
15 • **DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF ALEX ORTIZ IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR**
16 **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**
17 • **DECLARATION OF PLAINTIFF SAVANNAH RHUE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION**
18 **FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**
19 • **DECLARATION OF SEAN HARTRANFT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR**
20 **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**
21 • **[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS**
22 **ACTION AND PAGA SETTLEMENT**

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15 above is true and correct.

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17 /s/ Lorena Bautista

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