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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

JALON STANLEY, as an individual and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NORTH STAR EMERGENCY
SERVICES INC.; and DOES 1 through
50, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 24CV082930

**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM L. MARDER
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
AND REPRESENTATIVE ACTION
SETTLEMENT**

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 2:30 P.M.

Dept.: 21

Reservation No.: 924738831245

Action Filed: July 10, 2024

Trial Date: None Set

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I, William L. Marder, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law duly admitted to practice before all courts in the State of California and am a partner of the law firm of the Polaris Law Group, one of the attorneys of record for Plaintiff Jalon Stanley ("Plaintiff"), in the above-entitled action. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called upon as a witness to testify thereto, I could and would competently do so.

2. Based on my own independent investigation and evaluation, I am of opinion that settlement for the consideration and on the terms set forth in the Joint Stipulation of Class Action and PAGA Settlement and Release of Claims (“Agreement”) is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interests of the Class in light of all known facts and circumstances and the expenses and risks inherent in litigation.

3. I strongly believe that Plaintiffs Jalon Stanley and Roman Jones (together, “Plaintiffs”) can prevail at trial. However, I also believe in the fairness of the settlement, which is based on factoring in the uncertainty and risks to Plaintiffs involved in not prevailing on one or more of the causes of action or theories alleged in the operative complaints and in the possibility of appeals.

4. I have spent significant time researching and pursuing the claims that have been alleged in this action, including reviewing the pleadings, analyzing Defendant's document production of relevant wage and hour policies, and meeting and conferring with co-counsel.

5. I was retained based upon a contingency fee arrangement wherein Plaintiff's counsel agreed to advance all costs and receive no fee unless a recovery was accomplished. Specifically, had Plaintiff failed to prevail in the case, counsel for Plaintiff would have spent a significant amount of time, money, and other resources without any benefit or return. In addition, had Plaintiff also failed to prevail in the present case, Defendant North Star Emergency Services Inc. ("Defendant") would have been able to seek costs in connection with their defense of the case.

6. I graduated from UCLA Law School in 1993 and was admitted to the California

1 Bar in 1994. Since that time, I have acquired substantial experience in employment litigation. I
2 have represented both plaintiffs and defendants. I estimate that I have handled more than 300
3 employment cases, litigating cases in state and federal courts.

4 7. I have defended large institutional employers in employment cases. From 1995-
5 1997, as an associate at Bolling, Walter & Gawthrop in Sacramento, I represented the City of
6 Sacramento, Yolo County, the City of Davis, Solano County, and other employers in
7 employment litigation in state and federal courts.

8 8. From 1997-2000, I served as a Deputy County Counsel in San Benito, handling
9 all of its employment matters. These matters include advising the county on compliance with
10 wage and hour laws, arbitrations, and litigation.

11 9. From 2002-2006, I was a partner at Paxton O'Brien, LLP in Hollister, an AV
12 rated firm, where I represented numerous plaintiffs and defendants in employment lawsuits.

13 10. In 2006, I co-founded the Polaris Law Group where I spend most of my time
14 handling employment cases. I primarily represent employees.

15 11. I have been the sole trial attorney in two jury trials in which I represented a
16 plaintiff who prevailed on wrongful termination claims brought pursuant to the California Fair
17 Employment & Housing Act, California Government § 12900 *et seq.* These three cases are:
18 *Gamayo v. Drobny Law Offices*, Sacramento Superior Court Case No.: 34-2008-00005372CU;
19 and *Cherub Berlanga v. Willow Grove School District*, San Benito County Superior Case No.:
20 CU-09-00100.

21 12. I have been the sole trial attorney in two court trials in which I represented
22 plaintiffs who prevailed on wage and hour claims. These cases are *Smith v. Joyce*, Monterey
23 County Superior Court Case No.: M74334; and *Nava v. Rodriguez*, San Benito County Superior
24 Court Case No.: CU-08-00022.

25 13. I have also been approved as class counsel in numerous cases including *Sison v.*
26 *Headway Technologies*, Case No. 1-13-CV-254591 and *Barrera v. Home Depot*, Northern
27 District of California Case No. C 12 5199 LHK.

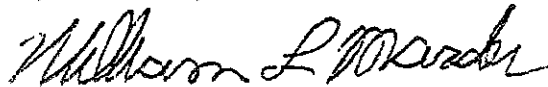
28 14. My co-counsel and I will adequately represent the Class in this action. Plaintiffs'

1 counsel have and will zealously represent Plaintiffs and the Class and pursue this lawsuit to its
2 conclusion. I have no conflicts with the Class and will adequately represent the Class.

3 15. I do not have any conflicts of interest with the California State Controller's
4 Office.

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

7 Executed on this 17th day of April 2026, at Hollister, California.

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