

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
BUSINESS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
) **Administrative Proceeding**
) **Number: C-06-0184**
DONNA THOMAS and JIM THOMAS)
)
)
Respondents)

CONSENT ORDER

I.

The Business Regulation and Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office ("Division") having the authority to administer and to provide for the enforcement of all provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act ("Act"), and Respondents do hereby enter into this Consent Order in resolution of the following allegations by the Division of violations of certain provisions of the Act:

1. Raven's Hope Animal Sanctuary is a "charitable organization" as defined in the Act (Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-501(a)(i));
2. Raven's Hope Animal Sanctuary is now properly registered with the Division, however, it solicited contributions prior to its registration in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-503(1);
3. Respondent Jim Thomas served as a board member and his wife, Donna Thomas, served as "Satellite Shelter Director" for Raven's Hope Animal Sanctuary;
4. As a board member and "Satellite Shelter Director", Respondents were fiduciaries as defined in Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-525;
5. Respondents' home was used as a satellite shelter;

6. Sanctuary Funds were used to make certain permanent improvements to Respondents' property;
7. As a satellite shelter, certain equipment and property of the Sanctuary were located on Respondents' property which Respondents refused to return to the shelter when their relationship with the shelter was terminated; and
8. Certain checks were written to Respondent Donna Thomas without Respondent providing documentation of how the funds were used in violation of Mississippi Charities Act Rule 213.

II.

Respondents, under the terms of this Consent Order and solely for the purpose of resolving the foregoing allegations, stipulate without a hearing to the matters set forth above in Paragraph I and hereby consent to the issuance of this Consent Order and further consent to and agree to the undertakings contained herein, with no formal administrative hearing and determination of wrongdoing.

III.

THEREFORE, in consideration of a final resolution of the matters set forth herein, the Division and Respondents hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Respondents stipulate to the jurisdiction of the Division as to all matters contained herein under the authority of the Act and acknowledge that the issuance of this Consent Order is solely for the purpose of resolving the matters set forth herein.
2. The Division shall impose a penalty upon the Respondents in the amount of \$500.00. Respondents shall remit payment to the Division, payable to the "Mississippi Secretary of State" upon execution of this Order.
3. This Consent Order is in resolution of the matters contained herein. As a result of this Consent Order, the matters contained herein cannot be used as a basis for action by the Division except in determining any

penalty as may be imposed by the Division for any future violations of the Act committed by the Respondents and as set forth below.

4. Respondents agree that they will comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act as currently in effect or as may be subsequently amended.

IV.

In the event Respondents fail or neglect to comply with any of the terms, stipulations or undertakings set forth in this Consent Order, the Division may, without notice to the Respondents, unilaterally rescind this Order and institute any legal or administrative proceedings it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, proceedings to address the matters set forth herein.

ERIC CLARK
Secretary of State

By: James O. Nelson, II
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Assistant Secretary of State

Date: 10/09/06

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JIM THOMAS

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