BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: Holly Jean Simonds, RDH, (License No. 8477)	)))))	**ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING LICENSE**

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners ["Board"] finds that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 8477 issued to Holly Jean Simonds, RDH, effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on information and documents obtained during the Board's investigation demonstrating there exists probable cause to believe that Respondent is a chronic or persistent user of drugs, intoxicants, narcotics, or other substances causing Respondent's impairment, that Respondent presented to a practice to treat patients while impaired, posing potential harm to patients during treatment, and that she made false statements on her 2026 license renewal application and failed to disclose pending criminal charges involving possession or use of illegal substances.

The Board received information that Respondent was arrested and charged with felony possession of schedule II controlled substances and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Respondent failed to report this information on her 2026 license renewal. Respondent was asked to contact Board staff regarding the matter; however, she failed to do so. On May 6, 2026, the Board received information that Respondent

was dismissed from her place of employment on May 4, 2026, due to concerns of impairment and her ability to safely treat patients.

Based on the information received, the Board finds and concludes that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, requiring the prompt suspension of her license. Therefore, Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina and surrender her license and current renewal certificate pending further order of the Board.

Formal proceedings in this matter will be commenced and determined promptly if Respondent submits a written request for a formal hearing to the Board. Absent such a written request, a formal hearing will be scheduled as soon as practicable after the investigation is complete. Respondent will be served with a Notice of Hearing containing the allegations to be heard in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b). If Respondent does not keep the Board informed of her current address or otherwise cannot be served with a Notice of Hearing, the suspension of her license shall remain in effect indefinitely.

This the 6th day of May, 2026.

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