BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. Ella Jean Woods (License No. 6102)	)))))	**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 6102 issued to Dr. Ella Jean Woods ("Dr. Woods") 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 substances to the extent that it impairs her ability to practice dentistry safely.

On February 16, 2026, Dr. Woods entered into a Consent Order with the Board. The Consent Order required Dr. Woods to complete a preliminary screening by the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals ("NC CDP") and follow all recommendations of NC CDP. Recently, NC CDP informed the Board that Dr. Woods has been deemed currently unsafe to practice dentistry and was provided recommendations and options to address this determination. To date, Respondent has not cooperated with the recommendations from NC CDP resulting from this determination.

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 dentistry in North Carolina and surrender her license and current renewal certificate pending further order of the Board. Engaging in the practice dentistry while the license is suspended may result in permanent revocation of Respondent's license pursuant to G.S. 90-41(b).

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 30th day of June, 2026.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

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