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August 24, 2016

Teresa Anne Thomas, R.N.  
815 Spring Street  
Richmond, VA 23220

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 8/24/16

RE: License Number: 0001-137655  
Case Number: 174856

Dear Ms. Thomas:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered August 23, 2016. You are hereby advised that you may not practice professional nursing or hold yourself out as a licensed professional nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/nursing).

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or [anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director  
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing  
Enclosures

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE: TERESA ANNE THOMAS, R.N.**  
**License Number: 0001-137655**  
**Case Number: 174856**

**ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION**


In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the Texas Board of Nursing accepted Teresa Anne Thomas' surrender of her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in lieu of disciplinary action. A certified copy of the Order of the Texas Board is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Teresa Anne Thomas, R.N. to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Teresa Anne Thomas, R.N. will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Teresa Anne Thomas, R.N. seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Thomas' multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C., Director  
Virginia Department of Health Professions

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**CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS**

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Order entered June 7, 2016, regarding Teresa Anne Thomas, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Texas Board of Nursing.

  
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David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 8/23/16



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of  
Registered Nurse License Number 877974  
issued to TERESA ANNE THOMAS

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 877974, issued to TERESA ANNE THOMAS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is in invalid status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Shenandoah College, Winchester, Virginia, on May 7, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on May 26, 2015.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about February 20, 2016, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she was admitted to VCU Health System, Richmond, Virginia, for a mental health condition that could result in an injury to a patient or the public. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

6. Regarding the conduct outlined in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent admits that she was admitted for a mental health condition, and she states she has never had a past admission for mental health issues. She explains she recognized the signs of worsening depression but sought professional help before any attempt at harming herself manifested.
7. On June 7, 2016, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated May 22, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 877974, heretofore issued to TERESA ANNE THOMAS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 877974, heretofore issued to TERESA ANNE THOMAS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 7th day of June, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
Executive Director on behalf  
of said Board

May 22, 2016

Sir,

I wish to surrender my Texas  
nursing license immediately.

Sincerely,

Terrence P. Jones

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