VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

TERRI LAW, R.N.

License No.: 0001-096767

<u>ORDER</u>

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on December 3, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Terri Law, R.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Janet Younger, serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration

On January 29, 2014, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Law was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Terri Law, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-096767 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on June 28, 1985. The license expired on September 30, 2013. Ms. Law's primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated November 7, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Law notifying her that an informal conference would be held on December 3, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 6449 Old Franklin Turnpike, Glade Hill, Virginia, 24092, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The receipt for the Notice sent via certified mail was signed by a third party and returned to the Board office on November 28, 2013. The Notice sent via first-class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded

that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Law, and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. Ms. Law is unable to practice professional nursing in a safe and competent manner due to physical illness. Specifically, she suffers from residual impairments resulting from a stroke. On June 18, 2013, the Board office received a letter from Ms. Law requesting to surrender her license to practice professional nursing, until such time as she and her physician feel that she is able to return to practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

<u>ORDER</u>

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of the right to renew License No. 0001-096767 of Terri Law, R.N.
 - 2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.
- 3. At such time as Ms. Law shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of professional nursing. Ms. Law shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.
 - 4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice professional nursing.

Since Ms. Law failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Law has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Law has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within

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which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD:

Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.

Executive Director

Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: February 21, 2014

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