## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	CAUSE NO.: C-2451
REDOMESTICATION OF EMPIRE	)	
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE	)	
COMPANY FROM	)	ORDER APPROVING
NEBRASKA TO ILLINOIS	)	REDOMESTICATION

Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company ("Empire Fire") is a Nebraska domiciled property and casualty insurance company that has applied to the Director of Insurance of the State of Nebraska ("Director") for approval to redomesticate from Nebraska to Illinois. After reviewing the filings, correspondence, and all pertinent information provided to the Nebraska Department of Insurance ("Department"), the Director hereby approves the application and finds, concludes, and orders as follows:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Empire Fire is a Nebraska domiciled property and casualty insurer that was initially licensed in the State of Nebraska on June 21, 1954.

2. Empire Fire filed an application to redomesticate from Nebraska to Illinois pursuant to <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §§ 44-161 to 44-164 (redomestication provisions) and the provisions of the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, <u>Neb. Rev. Stat.</u> §§ 21-201 to 21-2,232.

3. The application for redomestication is subject to approval of the Director of the Nebraska Department of Insurance and the Illinois Department of Insurance.

4. Empire Fire has submitted all documents, information, and filings for the redomestication as required by Nebraska law and the Department.

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5. On or about November 20, 2018, the Illinois Department of Insurance issued written correspondence to Empire Fire that it did not object to Empire Fire's redomestication to Illinois.

6. Empire Fire has provided the Department with copies of its Plan of Redomestication, Approval of the redomestication plan by the Board of Directors and the shareholder, and the Certificate of Authority for Nebraska and Illinois.

7. As Empire Fire has filed all pertinent and required documents with the Department to support its application, the transfer of Empire Fire's domicile from Nebraska to Illinois should be approved.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The State of Nebraska Department of Insurance has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties to this transaction.

2. The approval of this application will not in any manner impair the rights, remedies, or securities of Empire Fire's policyholders or creditors.

3. After redomestication, Empire Fire will meet all of the requirements for a Certificate of Authority as a foreign property and casualty insurer.

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#### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application of Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company to transfer its domicile from Nebraska to Illinois is hereby approved.

The Nebraska Department of Insurance will issue Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company a Certificate of Authority to do business as a foreign insurer in the State of Nebraska, effective as of the date of redomestication.

Dated this 29 day of November, 2018.

STATE OF NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Bruce R. RAMGE

Director of Insurance

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above Order Approving Redomestication was served upon Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company by mailing a copy of same to Dennis F. Kerrigan, Jr., Zurich Headquarters, 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056 on this <u>29</u> day of November, 2018 by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid.

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