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GOVERNOR



RONNIE S. JOHNS  
CHAIRMAN

**IN RE: CONNIE MARIES, INC  
D/B/A MAMA'S FRIED CHICKEN  
NO. 4901208552**

**ORDER**

This matter was considered by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board at its meeting of June 20, 2024. The Hearing Officer's order dated May 29, 2024, based on the "Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement" in the matter of the "Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action", by and between, Connie Maries, Inc. d/b/a Mama's Fried Chicken No. 4901208552, and the State of Louisiana, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is **APPROVED.**

**THUS DONE AND SIGNED** on this the *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *June*, 2024.

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED  
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON  
ALL PARTIES THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY  
OF June 2024.

*[Signature]*  
APPEAL DOCKET CLERK

BY:

*[Signature]*  
RONNIE S. JOHNS, CHAIRMAN

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
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**CONNIE MARIES, INC.  
D/B/A MAMA'S FRIED CHICKEN**

**CASE NO.: 4901208552**

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE AND  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER:**

**NOW COME** the Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Connie Maries, Inc. d/b/a/ Mama's Fried Chicken (hereinafter, "Licensee"), who file this Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and in support thereof would respectively show unto the Hearing Officer as follows:

**1.**

The Division and Licensee are desirous of compromising and settling all disputes between them relative to the referenced administrative proceeding. In connection therewith, the parties have entered into a Compromise and Settlement Agreement, which by its terms will become effective upon approval by the Administrative Hearing Office and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board.

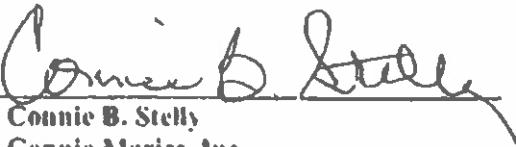
**2.**


A true and correct copy of the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference for all purposes.

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED.** the Division and Licensee respectfully request that this Honorable Administrative Hearing Officer approve the parties' Compromise and Settlement Agreement

Respectfully Submitted,

LIZ MERRILL,  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Connie Maries, Inc.  
d/b/a/ Mama's Fried Chicken

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICE**

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**COMPROMISE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division (hereinafter, the "Division") and Connie Maries Inc. d/b/a/ Mama's Fried Chicken (hereinafter, "Licensee"), do hereby represent and agree as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Gaming Control Board has sent a Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action to Licensee, which Notice contains allegations of certain violations of Louisiana Gaming Control Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the issues raised by said Notice are set for hearing before the Louisiana Gaming Control Board Administrative Hearing Office.

**WHEREAS**, the Division and Licensee are desirous of fully and finally compromising and settling all issues and disputes arising out of and in connection with said Notice;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto do hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

## **STIPULATIONS**

1. The Licensee is a Type 2 licensed establishment located at 2307 Jake Drive Opelousas, Louisiana, 70570.
  2. On July 31, 2021, Paul Bellard ("Mr. Bellard"), the 100% owner of the Licensee, passed away. As a result of his death, Mr. Bellard's ownership interest in the Licensee transferred equally to his four children: Connie B. Stelly, Arlene B. Fisher, Paul T. Bellard, and Ted D. Bellard.
  3. On June 27, 2022, the Licensee notified the Division of Mr. Bellard's death.
  4. On July 5, 2023, the Division received an Annual Licensee Form and supporting documents for the 2023-2024 renewal period. Upon review of the supporting documents, the Division discovered that the Alcoholic Beverage Permit ("ATC permit") submitted by the Licensee as part of the 2023-2024 renewal documents expired on July 31, 2021.
  5. On July 11, 2023, Connie B. Stelly, through a Sale of Share Holders Interest, purchased her three siblings ownership interest in the Licensee.
  6. On August 17, 2023, the Licensee submitted documentation to the Division indicating that it had obtained a new and valid ATC permit on August 7, 2023.
  7. The Licensee failed to notify the Division within 10 calendar days of Mr. Bellard's death, in violation of LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).
  8. The Licensee failed to maintain a valid ATC permit and continued to operate video draw poker devices from August 1, 2021 through July 6, 2023, in violation of La. R.S. 27:413(A).
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9. The Licensee failed to notify the Division of the transfer of ownership interest to Connie B. Stelly from Arlene B. Fisher, Paul T. Bellard, and Ted D. Bellard within 10 calendar days of its occurrence, in violation of LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. In lieu of administrative action, Licensee will pay a penalty of **FOURTEEN THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) DOLLARS** for its violations of LAC 42:XI.2405(A)(13) and LAC 42:XI.2417(B)(4).

2. The Division hereby agrees that payment of a total penalty of **FOURTEEN THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) DOLLARS** shall be in full and final settlement of all matters set forth in the Notice of Recommendation of Administrative Action.

3. The Division reserves the right to take into consideration this admitted violation in connection with any future investigation, violation or assessment of penalty and in connection with any future assessments of Licensee's suitability.

4. The terms of this Compromise and Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of the State of Louisiana.


5. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Division and Licensee, pertaining to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties.

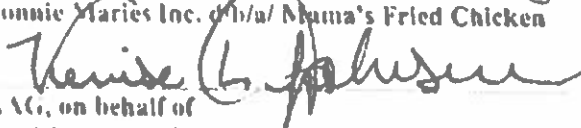
6. This Compromise and Settlement Agreement is subject to approval by the Hearing Officer and the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. It is expressly understood that if this proposed settlement is approved by the Hearing Officer, this agreement is not thereby executory,

but will be submitted to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board for its determination as to whether to approve same or to remand the matter to the Hearing Officer for a full hearing on the merits.

7. If approved, Licensee agrees to make full payment of the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days of approval of this settlement by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Licensee agrees that failure to meet this requirement shall result in immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

I have read this entire Compromise and Settlement Agreement and agree to all stipulations and terms and conditions hereof.

  
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Connie B. Stelly  
Connie Marie's Inc. d/b/a/ Mama's Fried Chicken

  
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Denise L. Johnson  
AAG, on behalf of  
Louisiana State Police, Gaming Enforcement Division

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**ORDER**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on the 29 day of May, 2024, came for consideration the Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the parties having appeared by and through their respective attorneys of record or representing themselves, and the Hearing Officer having considered the pleadings on file, the proposed Compromise and Settlement Agreement, and the said Motion, and it appearing to the Hearing Officer that the said Compromise and Settlement Agreement should be approved; it is, therefore,

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the Compromise and Settlement Agreement attached to the parties' Joint Motion for Approval of Compromise and Settlement Agreement be, and the same is hereby, **APPROVED**; that Connie Maries, Inc. d/b/a Mama's Fried Chicken must pay **FOURTEEN THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$14,000.00) DOLLARS** to the Division within fifteen (15) days of approval by the Louisiana Gaming Control Board. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate suspension of the gaming license without the necessity of any further administrative action until such time as the penalty is paid in full.

**SIGNED AND ENTERED** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, in Baton

Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HEARING OFFICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A CERTIFIED  
COPY HAS BEEN MAILED OR SERVED ON  
ALL PARTIES THIS 29 DAY  
OF May, 2024  
Erinny Brown

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SUZAN S. PONDER  
HEARING OFFICER

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST**  
LOUISIANA GAMING CONTROL BOARD  
HEARING OFFICE  
BATON ROUGE, LA 5/29/24  
Erinny Brown

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cc: Connie Maries, Inc. d/b/a Mama's Fried Chicken  
Venise Johnson  
Shawana Brown