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WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office (hereinafter "WVSOS") is seeking the assistance of outside counsel to assist with currently pending litigation styled: *State of West Virginia ex rel Rob Cornelius and Rob Cornelius, Individually v. Mac Warner, Secretary of State of the State of West Virginia, in his Official Capacity, et al.* Civil Action No. 19-P-332, recently filed in the Circuit Court of Kanawha County.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that

- There is a need for the prompt appointment of counsel with specialized experience and knowledge of complex legal issues.
- It is not feasible for the Office of the Attorney General to provide the requested legal services at this time without the assistance of outside counsel.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel in the current legal matter pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Date Signed: August 21, 2019