

<p>DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO          Boulder Justice Center          1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street          Boulder, Colorado 80302</p>	<p><b>▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</b></p>
<p>DARRELL TOUTANT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY</p> <p>Defendant.</p>	
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<p><b>JOINT MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT</b></p>	

Plaintiff Darrell Toutant (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (“Defendant”), by their undersigned counsel of record move,

pursuant to Colo.R.Civ.P. 23(e), for an Order: (1) preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement Between Plaintiffs, Individually and on Behalf of a Class, and Defendants, attached as Exhibit 1 to this Joint Motion (the “Agreement”), (2) approving the manner and form of providing notice to the Class Members, as provided in the Agreement, (3) setting a final hearing date to determine whether the proposed Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether the proposed plan of distribution is fair and reasonable, and whether Class Counsel’s request for an award of attorneys’ fees and costs and Class Representative compensation should be approved (“Final Approval Hearing”).

In support of this motion, the Parties state as follows:

1. The settlement of class action litigation is favored. *Lisby v. Bayh*, 75 F.3d 1191, 1196 (7th Cir. 1996). Nonetheless, class action settlements must be approved by the court after notice to class members “in such a manner as the court directs.”

Colo.R.Civ.P. 23(e). The purpose of requiring court approval of class action settlements is to protect the rights of absent class members by ensuring that the settlement is fair and is not a result of fraud, overreaching or collusion. *Wilkerson v. Martin Marietta Corp.*, 171 F.R.D. 273, 283 (D. Colo. 1997) (citing *Alvarado Partners, L.P. v. Mehta*, 723 F.Supp. 540, 546 (D.Colo. 1989), *app. dismissed*, 936 F.2d 582 (10th Cir. 1991) and *In Re New Mexico Nat. Gas Antitrust Litig.*, 607 F.Supp. 1491, 1497 (D.Colo. 1984)).

2. A class action settlement should be approved if the court determines that the settlement is “fair, reasonable, and adequate.” *Jones v. Nuclear Pharmacy, Inc.*, 741 F.2d 322, 324 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984); *Higley v. Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc.*, 920 P. 2d 884, 891 (Colo. App. 1996). Factors the Court should consider include: “(1) whether the proposed

settlement was fairly and honestly negotiated; (2) whether serious questions of law and fact exist, placing the ultimate outcome of the litigation in doubt; (3) whether the value of an immediate recovery outweighs the mere possibility of future relief after protracted and expensive litigation; and (4) the judgment of the parties that the settlement is fair and reasonable.” *Gottlieb v. Wiles*, 11 F.3d 1004, 1014 (10<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993). Other factors that may be reconsidered are the amount offered in settlement, the extent of discovery completed and the reaction of class members to the proposed settlement. *Higley v. Kidder, Peabody & Co., Inc.*, 920 P. 2d 884, 891.

3. Courts have established a two-step process in reviewing proposed class action settlements under Rule 23(e):

The first step is a preliminary, pre-notification hearing to determine whether the proposed settlement is ‘within the range of possible approval.’ This hearing is not a fairness hearing; its purpose, rather, is to ascertain whether there is any reason to notify the class members of the proposed settlement and to proceed to a fairness hearing. *Manual for Complex Litigation*, § 1.46 at 53-55 (West. 1977). If the . . . court finds a settlement proposal ‘within the range of possible approval,’ it then proceeds to the second step in the review process, the fairness hearing.

*Armstrong v. Board of School Directors*, 616 F.2d 305, 314 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1980)), *overruled on other grounds*; *see also Horton v. Merrill Lynch, Inc.*, 855 F. Supp. 825, 827 (D.D.N.C. 1994) (in deciding whether to grant preliminary approval of a class settlement, the court need only consider “whether there is ‘probable cause’ to notify the class of the proposed settlement”) (citations omitted).

4. For the foregoing reasons, this Joint Motion does not require that the Court answer at this time the ultimate questions of the adequacy of the proposed settlement. Rather, the Court need only determine now whether the proposed settlement is “within the range of possible approval” such that it should be submitted to class members for

their consideration. *Armstrong*, 616 F.2d at 314; *Horton*, 855 F. Supp. at 827.

Preliminary approval of a proposed settlement before the final approval hearing is appropriate when the court finds that settlement negotiations occurred at arm's length, there was sufficient discovery, and that the proponents of the settlement are experienced in similar litigation. 2 Newberg & Conte, *Class Action Litigation*, § 11.41, at 11-9.

5. The Parties submit that the proposed settlement in this action more than meets the standard for granting preliminary approval. The Plaintiff brought this action on behalf of a class consisting of all persons or entities who paid premiums to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for uninsured/underinsured ("UM/UIM") coverage on more than one motor vehicle at the same time in Colorado. Plaintiffs contend that Defendants engaged in a course of conduct of selling UM/UIM coverage on multiple vehicles to its insureds for the same time period without disclosing to its insureds that the persons insured under the policy obtained no additional UM/UIM benefits by purchasing UM/UIM coverage for more than one vehicle and that the "owned-but-not-insured" exclusion was invalid. Defendants vigorously denied those allegations.

6. The Parties have litigated Plaintiff's claims for more than seven years. Significant motions addressing substantive legal issues have been resolved and documents have been exchanged as required by Rule 26(a) in many virtually identical cases being tried in Boulder County District Court. Moreover, the Settling Defendant provided additional information to Class Counsel in the context of the discussions that lead to this Settlement, including information regarding the UM/UIM premiums assessed against putative class members during the Class Period. In short, the Settlement resulted

from arm's-length negotiations following a full evaluation of both the legal and factual basis of the Plaintiffs' claims. The proponents of the settlement, both Plaintiff and Settling Defendant, are represented by counsel experienced in similar litigation.

7. The Agreement provides that a Settlement Class will be certified that includes all persons or entities assessed premiums by Defendant for uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance ("UM/UIM") coverage on more than one motor vehicle at the same time or provided any document related to a multi-vehicle policy containing or referring to the "owned-but-not-insured" exclusion in Colorado between May 1, 2001 and June 4, 2004, including any of their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and/or assigns, but excluding Settling Defendant and their employees, officers, directors and agents.

8. The Agreement further provides that the Settling Defendants will pay a total of \$552,177.45 (the "Settlement Fund") to resolve the Class' claims, to pay Class Counsel's attorneys' fees and expenses, and to pay compensation to the Class Representatives. In addition, Settling Defendants have also agreed to pay for all costs of the administration of the settlement.

9. The Settlement Fund represents approximately 80% of the UM/UIM premiums assessed to the Class Members on more than one vehicle at the same time during the Class Period by the Settling Defendant. This is, by all accounts, an excellent recovery for the Class Members in the context of this case, including the status of the case, extensive work that remains, and the uncertainties of litigation. Courts have consistently approved settlements involving recoveries far less attractive to the Class Members than this Settlement. See, e.g., *Newman v. Stein*, 464 F.2d 689 (2d Cir. 1971)

(settlement award resulting in a recovery of less than 14% of actual alleged damages deemed fair); *In re General Instrument Securities Litigation*, 209 F. Supp.2d 423 (E.D. Pa. 2001) (court approved class action settlement in which class members would receive approximately 11% of the high-end of the range of damages); *In re Ikon Office Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation*, 194 F.R.D. 166 (E.D. Pa. 2000) (settlement award resulting in a recovery between approximately 5-9% of damages was fair).

10. As the record before this Court reflects, this case has been hard fought from the beginning and involves numerous legal issues that ultimately may be subject to appeal absent a settlement. Moreover, many factual and legal issues remain. In addition to the inherent risks involved in further litigation as well as any subsequent appeals, there inevitably will be significant delay before any litigated outcome would provide benefits to the Class Members. For all of the foregoing reasons, the proposed settlement is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Class Members.

11. The Agreement provides for notice in the form attached to the Agreement as Exhibit B to be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to Class Members at their last known address reflected in the Settling Defendant's records. The Settlement Agreement further provides that any notices returned to the Class Administrator as not deliverable or not forwarded shall be checked against databases and re-mailed by the Class Administrator if a different address is found.

12. The notice advises Class Members of the terms of the proposed settlement, that they will be bound by the judgment to be entered in the event the Court approves the settlement, that a Final Approval Hearing will be held to consider final approval of the settlement, the proposed plan of distribution and class counsel's application for attorneys'

fees and expenses and Class Representatives' compensation, and that they have a right to individually intervene in this action and/or present the Court with any objection they have to the proposed settlement, the plan of distribution or to the application for attorneys' fees and expenses and Class Representatives' compensation.

13. In addition, the Agreement provides for the entry by the Court of a Preliminary Approval Order in the form of Exhibit A to the Agreement if this Joint Motion is granted, and entry of Final Judgment in the form attached to the Agreement as Exhibit C in the event the Court approves the Settlement following the Final Approval Hearing.

14. If the Court enters the proposed order (Exhibit A to the Agreement) certifying a Settlement Class and preliminarily approving the proposed settlement, the parties suggest that the Court schedule a hearing for Final Approval Hearing as soon as practicable but not earlier than 120 days following entry of that Order in order to give the Class Administrator time to mail the notices to the Class Members time to re-mail as necessary and a meaningful opportunity for Class Members to decide whether to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class and whether to object to the proposed settlement.

WHEREFORE, the Parties move the Court to enter an order pursuant to Colo.R.Civ.P. 23(e) in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to the Agreement (a separate copy of which is provided for entry by the Court) certifying a settlement class and preliminarily approving the Settlement, approving the form and manner of providing notice to the Class Members, and setting a date for the Final Approval Hearing and related matters.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010, the foregoing  
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PLAINTIFF, INDIVIDUALLY  
AND ON BEHALF OF A CLASS, AND DEFENDANT NATIONWIDE  
MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

Plaintiff Darrell Toutant (“Plaintiff”), on behalf of himself and the Settlement Class he represents, by and through undersigned counsel of record, and Defendant Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, by and through its undersigned counsel of record, hereby stipulate and agree that, subject to Court approval under C.R.C.P. 23, Plaintiff’s claims in this Litigation against Defendant will be settled and dismissed on the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”).

**I. DEFINITIONS**

The following words and phrases shall have the following meanings throughout this Settlement Agreement:

1. The word and phrase “Plaintiff” or “Class Representative” means Darrell Toutant.
2. The phrase “Settling Defendant” means Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.
3. The phrase “Settlement Class” or “Settlement Class Members” means all persons or entities allegedly assessed premiums by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance (“UM/UIM”) coverage covering more than one motor vehicle at the same time or provided any document related to a multi-vehicle policy containing or referring to the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in Colorado from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004, including any of their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and/or assigns, but excluding Settling Defendant and its employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and agents.
4. The phrase “Class Period” means the time period from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004, inclusive of those dates.

5. The word “Litigation” means the above-captioned civil action presently in the District Court for Boulder County, Colorado insofar as it relates to the claims brought by Plaintiff against Defendant.

6. The phrase “Class Counsel” means the law firms of Hill & Robbins, P.C., 1441 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, the McFarland Law Offices, 910 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Golden, Colorado 80401, Evans & McFarland, LLC, 910 13th St., Suite 200, Golden, Colorado 80401, and their respective predecessor and/or successor firms.

7. The phrase “Settling Defendant’ Counsel” means the law firm Wheeler Trigg O’Donnell LLP, 1801 California Street, Suite 3600, Denver, Colorado 80202-2617.

8. The phrase “Final Judgment” means the entry by the District Court of a judgment in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C.

9. The phrase “Final Approval” means the last date by which all of the following have occurred:

- (a) The District Court has entered Final Judgment;
- (b) 45 days have passed after entry of the Final Judgment and rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review is not timely filed by any person, or if rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review of the Final Judgment is timely filed by any person, when any and all avenues of rehearing, reconsideration, and appellate review have been exhausted and no further rehearing, reconsideration, or appellate review is permitted or the time for seeking such review has expired, provided that the Final Judgment has not been altered, modified, amended, vacated, or overturned.

10. The word “Parties” means Plaintiff and Settling Defendant, collectively.

11. The phrase “Class Administrator” means Class Action Administration, Inc., Broomfield, Colorado, to be retained by the Settling Defendant to administer the settlement.

12. The phrase “Preliminary Approval” means entry by the District Court of an order the same or similar in content to the attached Exhibit A, without modification except such as may be approved by the Parties in writing: (a) preliminarily approving the terms and conditions of this Settlement Agreement; (b) certifying the Settlement Class pursuant to Colo.R.Civ.P. 23; (c) authorizing notice of the settlement to be provided to the Settlement Class Members; (d) approving the manner and form of notice to be provided to the Settlement Class Members, as provided in this Settlement Agreement; and (e) scheduling a fairness hearing at which the Court will determine whether this Settlement Agreement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate.

13. The phrase “Settlement Fund” means the sum of \$552,177.45, representing 80% of \$690,221.81, which in addition to the Settlement Administration Costs that the Settling Defendant agrees to pay pursuant to Article III, paragraph 6.1 of this Settlement Agreement, is the limit of the Settling Defendant’s total obligation to the Plaintiff and Settlement Class to settle this Litigation.

14. The phrase “Released Parties” shall mean Settling Defendant, individually and collectively, and all of its respective past and present predecessors, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, successors, assigns, attorneys, accountants, representatives, officers, directors, employees, agents, independent contractors, insurers, trustees or representatives, and/or anyone acting or purporting to act on their behalf. The release of any parent, subsidiary, or affiliated corporation is limited to liability resulting from the sale of UM/UIM coverage by Settling Defendant in Colorado.

15. The phrase “Plan of Distribution” means the methodology for calculating and procedure for distributing the Settlement Funds set forth in Article III, Sections 4 and 5 of this Settlement Agreement.

## **II. DESCRIPTION OF LITIGATION**

Plaintiff alleges that the Settling Defendant failed to provide the requisite information to its Colorado policyholders in connection with its sale of UM/UIM coverage to permit its insureds to make an informed decision with respect to the purchase of UM/UIM coverage. Plaintiff brought this action on behalf of himself and a class to recover the amounts collected for UM/UIM coverage above the amount that would have been collected for such coverage under a single-vehicle policy from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004. Plaintiff’s claims address only the Settling Defendant’s conduct in Colorado with respect to Colorado policyholders under Colorado law.

The Court’s Ruling and Order of January 26, 2005 in this case dismissed Plaintiff’s claims concerning the Settling Defendant’s disclosures to policyholders concerning UM/UIM coverage made prior to the decision of the Colorado Supreme Court in *DeHerrera v. Sentry Ins. Co.*, 30 P.3d 107, on April 30, 2001. Plaintiff’s claims concerning disclosures to policyholders about UM/UIM coverage made on and after May 1, 2001 remained pending.

Settling Defendant has denied and continues to deny the allegations of wrongdoing and has vigorously litigated the issues that have arisen in the Litigation. Settling Defendant also denies any wrongful conduct toward Colorado policyholders concerning the sale of UM/UIM coverage. This settlement is a compromise of disputed claims, and Settling Defendant does not admit liability to Plaintiff or the Settlement Class. Nevertheless, without admitting or conceding any liability or damages and in order to avoid the uncertainty, risks, and costs of the Litigation,

the Parties have agreed to settle the claims of the Plaintiff and the Settlement Class in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, it is stipulated and agreed by and between the Parties that the Litigation be settled, terminated, and dismissed, based on the following terms and conditions:

### **III. TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT**

#### **1. Certification of Settlement Class for Settlement Purposes**

1.1 The Parties hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23 of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure and as part of its Motion for Preliminary Approval, Plaintiff will seek certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Colo.R.Civ.P. 23 solely for the purpose of this Settlement. Settling Defendant will stipulate to that certification solely for the purpose of this Settlement. The Parties agree that Settling Defendant's stipulation to certification of the Settlement Class solely for purposes of this Settlement does not constitute a waiver, concession, or admission of any kind by Settling Defendant or its attorneys as to the merits of any claim for certification of any litigation class in this or any other lawsuit. In the event that this Settlement Agreement is terminated pursuant to its terms or for any other reason, or Final Approval for any reason does not occur, the order certifying the settlement class shall be vacated, and the Lawsuit shall proceed as though the Settlement Class had never been certified, without prejudice to any Party to either request or oppose class certification.

#### **2. Class Notice**

2.1 Settling Defendant agree to use its best efforts to create, at its expense, a list of the names and last known addresses of Settlement Class Members during the Class Period, as reflected by Settling Defendant's available electronic records. Settling Defendant shall deliver such list of Settlement Class Members to the Class Administrator along with records documenting the amount of premiums each Class Member paid for UM/UIM coverage in excess

of the first vehicle within 15 days after Preliminary Approval.

2.2 No later than 30 days after the Class Administrator receives the list described in paragraph 2.1, the Class Administrator shall cause notice to be mailed to each Settlement Class Member, to the last known address of each Settlement Class Member as reflected in Settling Defendant's records. The notice shall be in substantially the same content and form as Exhibit B attached hereto. Any mailed notice returned to the Settlement Administrator by the U.S. Postal Service as not deliverable or not forwarded shall be checked against available databases and re-mailed by the Settlement Administrator if a different address is obtained or a forwarding address can be determined.

2.3 Any Settlement Class Member individually may elect to opt out of the Settlement Class, within the time and in the manner specified in the class notice and in the Preliminary Approval, with the effect that the rights of any Settlement Class Member who timely opts out shall not be affected by this Settlement Agreement. The right to opt out of the Settlement Class may only be exercised individually by a Settlement Class Member and not by any other person in a representative capacity. Any Settlement Class Member seeking to be excluded from the Settlement Class must send a written request for exclusion to the Class Administrator, at an address to be designated in the class notice and postmarked by the date specified in the class notice.

2.4 Within 14 days after the deadline for Settlement Class Members to mail their elections to exclude themselves from the Class, the Class Administrator shall submit a report to Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's Counsel of the names and addresses of all Settlement Class Members who have timely and properly excluded themselves from the Settlement Class. Upon the reasonable request of Class Counsel or Settling Defendant's Counsel, the Class

Administrator shall make available for inspection and copying any opt-out requests received by the Class Administrator.

2.5 Settling Defendant shall have the right to withdraw from this Settlement Agreement if the number of Settlement Class Members who timely elect to be excluded from the Settlement Class exceeds 10% of the total of all Settlement Class Members. Settling Defendant must exercise such right to withdraw, in writing to Class Counsel, within 10 business days after receipt of the report of opt outs from the Class Administrator. If Settling Defendant timely exercises the right to withdraw described herein, this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void for all purposes and the Parties shall be restored without prejudice to their respective pre-settlement litigation positions.

### 3. **Class Settlement Procedures**

3.1 Plaintiff, through Class Counsel, may within 30 days of the signing of this Settlement Agreement seek, and Settling Defendant will provide, reasonable supporting information as to the numbers and the underlying data in possession of Settling Defendant regarding the total amount of UM/UIM premiums attributable to additional vehicles beyond one during the Class Period, and the number of impacted policies. Settling Defendant agrees through counsel reasonably to make one company representative available to Class Counsel, by telephone, as reasonably necessary for further confirmation of the information provided. No formal discovery will be permitted. Plaintiff agrees to treat all documents and information provided as confidential and subject to any protective order that may be entered in connection with the production.

3.2 The parties shall jointly move the Court to enter a Preliminary Approval order in the form of Exhibit A.

3.3 Prior to the Fairness Hearing, Plaintiff's Counsel shall move the Court to approve and enter Final Judgment, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, granting final approval of this Settlement Agreement as fair, reasonable, adequate, and binding on all Settlement Class Members who have not timely and properly excluded themselves; approving the Plan of Distribution; and effecting the releases as set forth in Section 8.

3.4 If the District Court fails or refuses to enter the Final Judgment substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, or the Final Judgment does not receive Final Approval, or the Final Judgment materially alters the terms of this Settlement Agreement, each of the Parties has the right to declare the Settlement Agreement null and void, and the Litigation will resume without prejudice to the rights of any Party and restoration of the positions of the Parties without prejudice to their pre-settlement litigation positions, unless the Final Judgment and Final Approval in accordance with this Settlement Agreement are successfully obtained on appeal, or unless the Parties agree to amend the Settlement Agreement and obtain Final Approval of the Settlement Agreement as so amended.

4. **Disbursements to Settlement Class Members**

4.1 Within ten days after Final Approval, Settling Defendant shall establish the Settlement Fund by depositing the total sum of \$552,177.45, representing 80% of \$690,221.81, in an account in trust established by the Class Administrator, with written confirmation of such deposit provided to Class Counsel. Except for certain administrative expenses as provided in Article III, paragraph 6.1, this deposit of the Settlement Fund shall constitute the entire monetary consideration to be paid by or on behalf of Settling Defendant in connection with the Settlement.

4.2 Within 30 days after Final Approval, the Settlement Fund shall be distributed to the Settlement Class Members based on their respective pro rata shares of the Settlement Fund, without interest, less all sums approved by the Court and distributed as compensation to the

Class Representative and payments to Class Counsel for attorneys' fees and costs. Each Settlement Class Member's pro rata share shall be determined based upon the business records provided by Settling Defendant, demonstrating the amount of UM/UIM premiums paid by Settlement Class Members in excess of the premiums that would have been collected from each Settlement Class Member for simultaneous coverage on one motor vehicle during the Class Period. Any class member whose notice was returned after all reasonable re-mailings as described in paragraph 2.2 will not be issued a check and his or her share of the Settlement Fund will be distributed pro rata to the other Settlement Class Members.

4.3 The Class Administrator shall notify Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's Counsel at least three (3) days business days before distributions to Settlement Class Members commence.

4.4 Disbursements to Settlement Class Members shall be issued via checks whose terms require negotiation within 120 days of the instrument's date. Checks shall be mailed by the Class Administrator to Settlement Class Members to their last known addresses. No check will be issued for less than \$5.00. In the event any such checks are returned to the Settlement Administrator by the U.S. Postal Service as not deliverable or not forwarded, the address information for Class Members to whom such checks were mailed shall be checked against available databases and the checks re-mailed by the Settlement Administrator if a different address is obtained or a forwarding address can be determined. The parties agree that any funds represented by checks not ultimately cashed will, with the Court's approval, be donated to the clinical education programs at the University of Colorado Law School.

4.5 Within 100 days after completing disbursements to Settlement Class Members, the Class Administrator shall report in writing to Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's

Counsel the total amount of disbursements to Settlement Class Members and the disposition of any unclaimed funds, in accord with Article III, Paragraph 4.4. Within 10 days after receipt of the report of the Class Administrator, the Parties shall submit an agreed order to the Court in the form of Exhibit D, finally terminating and dismissing the Litigation on the merits and with prejudice.

5. **Attorneys' Fees and Costs and Payment To Class Representatives**

5.1 Neither Settling Defendant nor Settling Defendant's Counsel will oppose or object to Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees in connection with the representation of the Class in this Litigation up to a total of 30% of the Settlement Fund. Neither Settling Defendant nor Settling Defendant's Counsel will oppose or object to Class Counsel's request for an award for the reimbursement of the actual expenses and costs incurred by Class Counsel in connection with the representation of the Class in this Litigation. Any attorneys' fees and costs awarded to Class Counsel by the Court shall be paid by the Class Administrator from the Settlement Fund within 30 days after Final Approval.

5.2 Settling Defendant shall have no responsibility for and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to the allocation among Class Counsel and/or any other person who may assert a claim thereto of any attorneys' fees or expenses that the Court may award.

5.3 Neither Settling Defendant nor Settling Defendant's Counsel will oppose a motion to the District Court seeking compensation to the Class Representative for his work in connection with the Litigation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Any compensation to the Class Representative approved by the Court shall be paid from the Settlement Fund at the same time as distributions to Settlement Class Members as described in Article III, paragraph 4.4.

6. **Settlement Administration Costs**

6.1 Settling Defendant shall pay all fees and costs of the Class Administrator, including but not limited to the fees and costs to determine current addresses for the Settlement Class Members as provided in Paragraph 2.2 and 4.2, provide notice to the Settlement Class Members as provided in Section 2.2, and distribute the Settlement Fund in accord with the Plan of Distribution approved by the Court as provided in Sections 3 and 4.

6.2 Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's Counsel shall have the right to monitor the work of the Class Administrator, and the Class Administrator shall report to the Parties and the Court, as requested, documenting its actions in connection with administration of the settlement pursuant to this Settlement Agreement. The Parties, Class Counsel, and Settling Defendant's Counsel shall in good faith cooperate in the implementation of the Settlement and this Settlement Agreement.

7. **List of Class Members**

7.1 Class Counsel agrees that Class Counsel and the Class Administrator will treat the list of Settlement Class Members as "Confidential" and not use the list of Settlement Class Members for any purpose other than the administration and implementation of this Settlement Agreement.

8. **Release and Covenant Not to Sue**

8.1 Upon Final Approval, Plaintiff and all Settlement Class Members who have not timely and properly excluded themselves, regardless of whether such Settlement Class Members have claimed or obtained benefits hereunder, on behalf of themselves and their successors and assigns, release and forever discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, lawsuits, rights, counts, causes of action, damages, amounts, interest, judgments, executions, attachments,

debts, demands, liabilities, and obligations of every kind and nature, known and unknown, accrued or unaccrued, in law or equity, class or individual, suspected or unsuspected, concealed or unconcealed, tangible or intangible, whether sounding in contract, tort, unjust enrichment or any other theory, that were asserted or could have been asserted by Plaintiff in this Litigation on his own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class against the Released Parties, for any injury or damages relating to or arising out of: (a)(i) premiums or rates charged for UM/UIM in the state of Colorado for auto insurance policies listing as covered more than one vehicle at the same time at any time during the Class Period; (ii) the manner in which UM/UIM coverage or premiums for UM/UIM coverage were described or not described to policyholders during the Class Period; (iii) disclosures or omissions to disclose in connection with the sale of, renewal of, or charging of premiums for UM/UIM coverage during the Class Period, including without limitation any claim that the Released Parties violated (with respect to the foregoing) any Unfair Claims Practices statute, any consumer fraud statute, or any other statutory or common law requirement or duty, any claims of negligence, bad faith, misrepresentation, breach of contract, conversion, unjust enrichment, or any other claim; (iv) the presence of or reference to the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in any offer or disclosure document or the auto insurance policies issued by the Settling Defendant; or (b) any and all claims to attorneys’ fees and/or expenses in connection with the prosecution of this Litigation or the claims described in this subparagraph, except for the amount set forth in and awarded pursuant to paragraph 5.1. It is specifically agreed that this paragraph 8.1 should not be interpreted adversely to impact or release any Settlement Class Member’s individual claim, unrelated to the theories alleged in this Lawsuit, for any first-party insurance benefits payable under UM/UIM coverage.

8.2 Upon Final Approval, all Settlement Class Members who have not timely and

properly excluded themselves hereby covenant not to sue the Released Parties in respect to any or all of the Released Claims identified in paragraph 8.1.

8.3 Effective upon entry by the Court of the Final Judgment, all claims of Plaintiff and of all Settlement Class Members, except for those who have timely and properly excluded themselves, shall be dismissed on the merits and with prejudice and without costs.

8.4 Plaintiff agrees that Settling Defendant has offered consideration for the Released Claims by Settlement Class Members who do not opt out, regardless of whether Settlement Class Members receive or negotiate the checks described in Section 4.

8.5 Except to remedy any breach of the duties of the Class Representative or Class Counsel as specifically set forth in this Settlement Agreement, upon Final Approval, the Settling Defendant shall fully, finally and forever release the Class Representative, Settlement Class Members who have not opted out, and Class Counsel from any and all past, present, or future damages and/or request for equitable relief arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the institution, prosecution, or resolution of this Litigation.

8.6 This Settlement Agreement reflects, among other things, the compromise and settlement of disputed claims, and neither the Settlement Agreement nor the releases given herein, nor any consideration therefor, nor any actions taken to carry out this Settlement Agreement are intended to be, nor may they be deemed or construed to be, an admission or concession of liability, or of the validity of any claim, or of any point of fact or law (including but not limited to the propriety of class certification) on the part of any Party. Settling Defendant denies the allegations of the complaint and all amended complaints filed in the Litigation.

9. **Miscellaneous**

9.1 All proceedings with respect to the administration of this Settlement Agreement and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Boulder County District Court.

9.2 The terms of this Settlement Agreement inure to the benefit of and are binding upon the Parties and their assigns and successors in interest.

9.3 This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by all of the undersigned. Signatures transmitted by telecopy or electronically shall be deemed original signatures.

9.4 The Parties agree that to the fullest extent permitted by law, neither this Settlement Agreement nor the settlement, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of this Settlement Agreement or the settlement: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of Settling Defendant; (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, any fault or omission of Settling Defendant in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal, other than in such proceedings as may be necessary to consummate or enforce this Settlement Agreement, the settlement or Final Judgment, except that Settling Defendant may file this Settlement Agreement and/or the Final Judgment in any action or proceeding that may be brought against it in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

9.5 The Parties and their counsel express no opinion concerning the tax consequences of this proposed settlement to individual Settlement Class Members and make no representations, warranties or other assurances regarding such tax consequences. No opinion, representations, warranties, or other assurances shall be deemed to have been made by the Parties or their counsel with respect to such tax consequences by virtue of this Settlement Agreement or by effectuating this settlement, and the Parties and their counsel shall not be held liable for any such tax consequences that may occur. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

9.6 Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's Counsel agree to cooperate in the timely submission of this Settlement Agreement to the Court, to recommend approval of the settlement in the form set forth in this Settlement Agreement, and to use their best efforts, including all steps and efforts contemplated by this Settlement Agreement and any other steps and efforts that may become reasonably necessary by order of the Court or otherwise, to effect the Settlement provided for by this Settlement Agreement and to obtain Final Approval of the Final Judgment.

9.7 The terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement, including all attached exhibits, constitute the complete and exclusive agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement, superseding all previous negotiations, representations, and understandings, and may not be contradicted or supplemented by evidence of any prior or contemporaneous agreement. The Parties further intend that this

Settlement Agreement and all attached exhibits constitute the complete and exclusive statement of its terms as between the Parties and that no extrinsic evidence may be introduced in any judicial proceeding involving this Settlement Agreement. Prior or contemporaneous representations not contained in this Settlement Agreement shall be of no force or effect. Any modification of this Settlement Agreement must be in writing signed by or on behalf of Class Counsel and Settling Defendant.

9.8 This Settlement Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado.

9.9 Settling Defendant expressly reserves the right to communicate with and respond to inquiries from policyholders and Settlement Class Members orally and/or in writing, and it may do so through any appropriate agent or agencies. Settling Defendant will undertake to assure that such communications accurately reflect the pertinent terms, conditions and effects of this Settlement.

9.10 This Agreement was entered into only for purposes of compromise and settlement and is not an admission of liability by Settling Defendant or an admission that a class should be certified. In the event that Final Approval, without modification, does not occur for any reason, then no term or condition of this Settlement Agreement shall have any effect, nor shall any such matter be admissible in evidence for any purpose in the Litigation or in any other proceeding.

9.11 The determination of the terms of and the drafting of this Settlement Agreement have been by mutual agreement after negotiation, with consideration by and participation of all Parties and their counsel.

9.12 As used herein, the plural of any defined term includes the singular thereof, and the singular of any defined term includes the plural thereof as the context may require.

9.13 In the event any date or deadline for actions set forth in this Settlement Agreement falls on a weekend or legal holiday, such date or deadline shall be on the first business day thereafter.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have caused this Agreement to be executed on the dates shown below and agree that it shall take effect on the date it has been executed on behalf of both Plaintiff and Defendant.

Dated: December 21, 2010

Dated: December 21, 2010

ATTORNEYS FOR SETTling  
DEFENDANT:

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF AND  
THE SETTLEMENT CLASS:

*Signature on file at the offices  
Of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP*

*Signature on file at McFarland Law  
Offices*

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/s/ Thomas D. McFarland

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DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, STATE OF  
COLORADO  
Boulder Justice Center  
1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Boulder, CO 80302

DARRELL TOUTANT, individually and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated  
Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
Defendant.

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Case Number: 06CV346

Div.: 4

**ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PLAINTIFF  
AND DEFENDANT NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, AND  
APPROVING NOTICE TO SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS**

Plaintiff and Defendant having made a joint motion for preliminary approval of a Settlement Agreement (“the Settlement”) between a Settlement Class and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (referred to as “Settling Defendant”); and the Court having read and considered the Settlement Agreement,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. For settlement purposes only and contingent upon the Settlement being finally approved, the Court finds that this action is maintainable as a class action against Settling Defendant, for settlement purposes only, on behalf of a Settlement Class defined as follows:

All persons or entities allegedly assessed premiums by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance (“UM/UIM”) coverage on more than one motor vehicle at the same time or provided any document related to a multi-vehicle policy containing or referring to the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in Colorado from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004, including any of their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and/or assigns, but excluding Settling Defendant, and its employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and agents.

2. Subject to Final Approval and the entry of Final Judgment, both as defined in the Settlement Agreement, and for settlement purposes only, the Court finds that the prerequisites of Colo.R.Civ.P. 23 are met and hereby certifies the above-defined Settlement Class as a damages class pursuant to Colo.R.Civ.P. 23(b)(3). If such Final Approval of the Settlement is not granted, or if Settlement Order and Final Judgment as contemplated herein is not entered, this Order of Certification shall be vacated and the parties shall be restored without prejudice to their respective pre-settlement litigation positions.

3. The Court finds that the manner and content of notice specified in the Settlement Agreement and in Exhibit B thereto will provide the best practicable notice to members of the Settlement Class and satisfies the requirements of the applicable procedural rules and due process. Notice shall be mailed to Settlement Class members, at Settling Defendant’s expense, no later than 60 days after the date of this Order, in a form and content substantially similar to Exhibit B to the Settlement Agreement, and in substantially the manner specified in the Settlement Agreement. This notice will provide Settlement Class members with the opportunity to request exclusion from the Settlement Class. Such opt-out rights may be exercised only

individually by a Settlement Class Member, and not by any other person in a representative capacity.

4. The Court preliminarily and conditionally approves the settlement of the Settlement Class claims as described in the Settlement Agreement for the total sum of \$552,177.45, representing 80% of \$690,221.81 (the “Settlement Fund”), plus the payment of the actual fees and costs of Class Administration, preliminarily finding the Settlement to be fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of Settlement Class Members. The Court also preliminarily finds the manner and method of distribution of the Settlement Fund to be fair, reasonable, and adequate and in the best interests of Settlement Class Members.

5. A Fairness Hearing shall be held before this Court on \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at \_\_\_\_\_m., to consider and finally determine:

- a. Whether the Settlement should be finally approved by the Court as fair, reasonable, and adequate;
- b. Whether attorneys’ fees and expenses should be awarded to Class Counsel and payment should be made to the Class Representative, as provided in the Settlement Agreement;
- c. Whether the plan of distribution is fair and reasonable; and
- d. Objections, if any, made to the Settlement, or any of its terms.

The Fairness Hearing may be postponed, adjourned, or continued by order of the Court without further notice to Settlement Class Members.

6. Any person who wishes to opt out of the Settlement Class must send a written request for exclusion in the manner and to the address provided in the notice approved above. Any Settlement Class Member who has not requested exclusion and who objects to approval of the proposed settlement may appear at the Fairness Hearing in person or through counsel retained at his or her own expense to show cause why the proposed settlement should not be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate. However, no person (other than named Parties) may be heard at the Fairness Hearing, or file papers or briefs in connection therewith,

unless, on or before \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, such person has filed with the Court and served on Class Counsel and Settling Defendant's Counsel a timely written objection and notice of intent to appear, in accordance with the procedures specified in the notice. Any member of the Settlement Class who does not timely object to the settlement in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived any such objection.

7. Settling Defendant's Counsel and Class Counsel shall promptly furnish to all other counsel copies of any objection or notice of intent to appear that comes into such counsel's possession.

8. If the Settlement is finally approved, the Court shall enter a Settlement Order and Final Judgment approving the Settlement Agreement and incorporating it as the judgment of the Court, which judgment shall be binding upon all members of the Settlement Class who have not previously timely requested exclusion in the manner prescribed by this order and in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

9. In the event that the proposed settlement reflected by the Settlement is not approved by the Court, or entry of Final Judgment or Final Approval as provided in the Settlement Agreement does not occur for any reason, then the Settlement Agreement, all drafts, negotiations, discussions, and documentation relating thereto, and all orders entered by the Court in connection therewith, shall become null and void, and shall not be used or referred to for any purpose in this Litigation or in any other proceeding. In such event, the Settlement Agreement and all negotiations and proceedings relating thereto shall be withdrawn without prejudice to the rights of any of the Parties thereto, who shall be restored to their respective pre-settlement positions.

10. Subject to Final Approval, all Settlement Class Members who do not timely and properly exclude themselves from the Settlement Class are permanently enjoined, in either an individual or representative capacity, from filing, commencing, prosecuting, continuing, litigating, intervening in, participating in as class members or otherwise, or seeking to certify a class in, or organizing owners of policies of Settling Defendant into a separate class of persons, as a purported class action (including by seeking to amend a pending complaint to include class allegations) in or receiving any benefits or other relief from, any other lawsuit, arbitration or administrative, regulatory or other proceeding or order in any jurisdiction, based on or relating to the claims and causes of action, or the facts and circumstances relating thereto, in or underlying this action which qualify them as Settlement Class Members.

11. Except as provided in the Settlement Agreement, no discovery regarding the settlement shall be permitted as to any of the Parties to the Settlement Agreement. No discovery regarding the settlement shall be permitted by any Settlement Class Member or other parties, other than as may be directed by the Court upon a proper showing seeking such discovery by motion properly noticed and served in accordance with the governing rules of procedure.

12. Capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement.

13. The Parties are hereby authorized without further approval from the Court to adopt such amendments or modifications of the Settlement Agreement and all exhibits thereto as shall be consistent in all respects with this Order and do not limit the rights of Settlement Class Members.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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JUDGE D.D. MALLARD  
Boulder County District Court

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES ALLEGEDLY ASSESSED PREMIUMS BY NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY FOR UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE (“UM/UIM”) COVERAGE ON MORE THAN ONE MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE SAME TIME OR PROVIDED ANY DOCUMENT RELATED TO A MULTI-VEHICLE POLICY CONTAINING OR REFERRING TO THE “OWNED-BUT-NOT-INSURED” EXCLUSION IN COLORADO FROM MAY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 4, 2004, INCLUDING ANY OF THEIR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, BUT EXCLUDING NATIONWIDE, AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND AGENTS.

**Please Read This Notice Carefully And Completely. Your Rights May Be Affected By Legal Proceedings In This Litigation. A Settlement Has Been Proposed In Pending Class Action Litigation. If You Are A Member Of The Class, You May Be Entitled To Receive A Payment Pursuant To The Proposed Settlement.**

### **THIS IS NOT A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU. YOU ARE NOT BEING SUED.**

This is to notify you of litigation currently pending in the District Court for Boulder County, Colorado entitled *Toutant v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company*, Case no. 06CV346, that may affect your legal rights. **IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CLASS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.**

The parties to the lawsuit have reached a proposed settlement under which payments will be provided to Class Members, as described below. The Court has conditionally certified a class for settlement purposes and has ordered this Notice to be sent to you to advise you of your rights.

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE LAWSUIT**

1. This litigation was initiated by Plaintiff Darrell Toutant (“Plaintiff”) against Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (“Nationwide”), alleging that Nationwide engaged in a course of conduct of selling uninsured/underinsured (“UM/UIM”) coverage on multiple vehicles to its insureds for the same time period without disclosing to insureds that the persons insured under the policy obtained, no or little additional UM/UIM coverage by purchasing UM/UIM coverage for more than one vehicle and that the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in Nationwide’s policies was invalid. Nationwide denied and continues to deny all allegations of wrongdoing.

2. Class actions are lawsuits in which one or more persons sue on behalf of other persons who have similar claims. The members of this group are called the Class.

3. The Court has certified a Class for settlement purposes. Members of the Class include all persons or entities allegedly assessed premiums by Nationwide for uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance (“UM/UIM”) coverage on more than one motor vehicle at the same time or provided any document related to a multi-vehicle policy containing or referring to the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in Colorado from May 1, 2001 through

June 4, 2004, including any of their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and/or assigns, but excluding Nationwide, and its employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and agents.

4. You have received this Notice because Nationwide's records indicate that you are a Class Member.

### **COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS**

5. For purposes of this Settlement, the Court has designated Plaintiff Darrell Toutant as Class Representative and Robert F. Hill, John H. Evans, and Nathan P. Flynn of Hill & Robbins, P.C., 1441 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, CO 80202, Tom McFarland of McFarland Law Offices, 910 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Golden, CO 80401, and M. Gabriel McFarland, of Evans & McFarland, LLC, 910 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Golden, CO 80401, as counsel for Plaintiff and the Class ("Class Counsel").

6. Nationwide's counsel is John M. Vaught and Michael D. Alper of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, 1801 California Street, Suite 3600, Denver, Colorado 80202-2617.

### **THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

7. The following description of the proposed settlement is only a summary. You may look at the complete text of the Settlement Agreement in the Court files for this case located in the Clerk's Office in the Boulder Justice Center, 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, Colorado. You may also view the Settlement Agreement at the Hill and Robbins, P.C. website (<http://www.HillandRobbins.com>).

8. Nationwide has agreed to pay a total of \$552,177.45 ("Settlement Fund"), representing 80% of \$690,221.81, the approximate amount of UM/UIM premiums assessed to the Class Members on more than one vehicle at the same time from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004 by Nationwide, to resolve the underlying claims for relief and have also agreed to pay the costs and expenses of the administration of the settlement.

9. Class Counsel intends to request that the Court award them fees for their work on this case and reimbursement for the costs they have incurred in a total amount equal to 30% of the Settlement Fund and to ask the Court to award compensation in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 to the class representative, all of which would be paid from the Settlement Fund established by the Settling Defendant.

### **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

10. After deducting any Court ordered attorneys' fees, costs, expenses and compensation to be paid out of the Settlement Fund, the Class Administrator shall calculate the pro rata recovery for each Class Member. Each Class Member's pro rata share will be determined based upon the business records provided by the Nationwide, demonstrating the amount of UM/UIM premiums collected by Nationwide in excess of the amount of premiums each Class Member would have been charged for UM/UIM coverage on a single vehicle during the same policy periods from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004.

11. All Class Members who have not elected to exclude themselves from the Class and have been located by the Class Administrator will automatically be sent checks for their pro rata shares.

### **PARTICIPATION IN AND EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS**

12. **IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE CLASS AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT DISTRIBUTION, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING.** Each member of the Class is deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the District Court for Boulder County, Colorado for purposes of enforcing the relief set forth herein and any judgment that may be entered in the litigation. If the Court approves the proposed settlement and you do not timely request to be excluded from the Class, you will release (give up) all claims against Nationwide relating to this lawsuit.

13. If you wish to be excluded from the Class, you must send a letter addressed to the Nationwide Settlement Class Administrator, P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, on or before \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, requesting in writing to be excluded from the Class. The written request must contain your name, address, telephone number, mention the Nationwide Colorado Settlement and express your desire to be excluded from the Class. The right to exclude yourself from the Class may only be exercised individually by a Class Member, and not by any other person in a representative capacity. If you exclude yourself from the Class, you will not receive any benefits from the settlement and you will not be bound by a judgment approving the settlement and releasing Class claims.

### **SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING**

14. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, .m. in Courtroom \_\_\_\_ at the District Court for Boulder County, Colorado, Boulder Justice Center, 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street Boulder, Colorado 80302, to determine whether the proposed Settlement of the class action should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate, whether the proposed Plan of Distribution is fair and reasonable, and whether Class Counsel's request for an award of attorneys' fees and costs and Class Representative compensation should be approved.

15. If you remain a member of the Class and do not choose to personally enter an appearance, you will be represented by Plaintiff's counsel. You may also enter an appearance in the action personally, or through your attorney at your own expense.

16. If you remain in the Class, but wish to object to the terms of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Distribution, or the compensation, costs and expenses requested by the Class Representative and Class Counsel, you must file a written objection on or before \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, with the Clerk of the Court, District Court in and for Boulder County, 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street Boulder, Colorado 80302 and at the same time serve copies upon Robert F. Hill of Hill & Robbins, P.C., 1441 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Denver, Colorado 80202, and John M. Vaught and Michael D. Alper of Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell LLP, 1801 California Street, Suite 3600, Denver, Colorado 80202-2617.

17. The written objection must: (a) set forth the identity of the action, *i.e.*, Toutant v. Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company; (b) state the Class Member's full name, address and telephone number; (c) identify the specific reason(s) for the objection; and (d) provide any evidence or legal authority that supports your objection. You will be barred from presenting to the Court any reasons, evidence or legal authority not timely set forth in your written objection.

**OTHER INFORMATION**19. \_\_\_\_\_ Requests for more information should be directed to the Class Administrator either by phone at \_\_\_\_\_ or by first-class mail at Nationwide Settlement Class Administrator, P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_, Broomfield, CO 80021.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT, THE CLERK OF COURT, YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY OR AGENT, OR COUNSEL FOR NATIONWIDE REGARDING THIS MATTER.**

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE D.D. MALLARD  
Boulder County District Court

EXHIBIT C  
FINAL SETTLEMENT ORDER

<p>DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO Boulder Justice Center 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street Boulder, CO 80302</p> <hr/> <p>DARRELL TOUTANT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendant.</p> <hr/>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <hr/> <p>Case Number: 06CV346</p> <p>Div: 4</p>
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**FINAL JUDGMENT APPROVING SETTLEMENT**

This action was heard on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, before the undersigned, pursuant to the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Approving Notice to Settlement Class Members (the “Preliminary Approval Order”) entered on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, for the purpose of determining: (i) whether the settlement of the Litigation, on the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement between a Settlement Class and Defendant Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (“Settling Defendant”), previously submitted to the Court (“Settlement Agreement”), should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate; (ii) the amount of attorneys’ fees and expenses to award Class Counsel and the amount of compensation to award the class

representative; (iii) whether the plan of distribution is fair and reasonable; and (iv) whether a Final Judgment should be entered.

Pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, this class action cannot be dismissed or compromised without the approval of this Court, finding that Settlement Class Members have been afforded reasonable notice of the proposed settlement and an opportunity to be heard, and that the settlement is fair, adequate, and reasonable. Having conducted the required analysis, and after consideration of all facts and circumstances, including those adduced at the hearing, the Court finds and concludes for purposes of settlement only that the requirements of Rule 23 have been satisfied, that the settlement is fair, adequate and reasonable, and that Settlement Class members received reasonable notice of such settlement and an opportunity to be heard.

Having considered the record in this action, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

1. The Settlement Class set forth in the Court's Order of Preliminary Approval of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, certifying a class action, is hereby affirmed, for settlement purposes only, defining a class represented by Plaintiff ("the Settlement Class") for purposes of this settlement as follows:

All persons or entities allegedly assessed premiums by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company for uninsured/underinsured motorist insurance ("UM/UIM") coverage on more than one motor vehicle at the same time or provided any document related to a multi-vehicle policy containing or containing or referring to the "owned-but-not-insured" exclusion in Colorado from May 1, 2001 through June 4, 2004, including any of their heirs, executors, administrators, personal

representatives, successors and/or assigns, but excluding Settling Defendant, and its employees, officers, directors, attorneys, and agents.

2. The Court finds that counsel for the Plaintiff are competent to serve as Class Counsel and will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the Settlement Class.

3. Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Court finds that notice has been given to Settlement Class Members pursuant to and in compliance with the Preliminary Approval Order and that the notice methodology adopted pursuant to such Order and the Settlement Agreement were the best notice practicable, satisfied applicable procedural rules and due process requirements, and provided Settlement Class Members with fair and adequate notice of the certification of the Settlement Class and of the fairness hearing, adequate information concerning the fairness hearing, the right to be excluded from the Settlement Class, the settlement, and the right of Class Counsel to apply for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses.

4. The terms of the Settlement, as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, are hereby determined to be fair, reasonable and adequate and in the best interests of members of the Settlement Class. Accordingly, said Settlement Agreement, including each of its respective terms and conditions, is hereby finally approved by and incorporated as part of this Final Judgment. Capitalized words and terms in this Final Judgment have the same meaning as defined in the Settlement Agreement.

5. Settling Defendant shall deposit the Settlement Fund of \$552,177.45, representing 80% of \$690,221.81, with the Class Administrator, in the manner and within the time set forth in the Settlement Agreement. Disbursements to Settlement Class Members shall be made by the Class Administrator in such amounts as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

6. In addition to the Settlement Fund, Settling Defendants shall pay the costs and expenses of the Class Administrator, as provided in the Settlement Agreement.

7. Incentive compensation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid from the Settlement Fund to the Representative Plaintiff, at the same time as and in addition to any payments he is entitled to receive as a Settlement Class Member pursuant to the Settlement Agreement.

8. The sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is hereby awarded as the entire attorneys' fees and costs in this action, covering all fees for legal services, all costs, all disbursements, all out-of-pocket expenses and all other expenditures, in connection with this Litigation on behalf of Plaintiff and the Settlement Class. This sum shall be allocated among Class Counsel representing Plaintiff and the Settlement Class, and shall be paid as provided in the Settlement Agreement from the Settlement Fund, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

9. Disbursements to Settlement Class Members and others shall be made from the Settlement Fund by the Class Administrator, in the manner and within the time periods provided in the Settlement Agreement.

10. Settling Defendant shall have no responsibility for and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to the allocation among Class Counsel and/or any other person who may assert a claim thereto, of attorneys' fees and expenses awarded by the Court.

11. The Class Administrator shall discharge all aspects of notice, payment, and other settlement administration in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

12. The Court hereby enters judgment fully and finally terminating all claims, on the merits and with prejudice, that are pending against Settling Defendant (as defined in the

Settlement Agreement) in the Litigation, and all of their respective past and present predecessors, parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, successors, assigns, attorneys, accountants, representatives, officers, directors, employees, agents, independent contractors (collectively, “Released Parties”), and finds that Plaintiff and all Settlement Class Members who have not timely and properly excluded themselves, regardless of whether such Settlement Class Members have claimed or obtained benefits hereunder, by operation of this Judgment, release, dismiss with prejudice, and forever discharge the Released Parties from any and all claims, lawsuits, rights, counts, causes of action, damages, amounts, interest, judgments, executions, attachments, debts, demands, liabilities, and obligations of every kind and nature, known and unknown, accrued or unaccrued, in law or equity, class or individual, suspected or unsuspected, concealed or unconcealed, tangible or intangible, whether sounding in contract, tort, unjust enrichment or any other theory, that were asserted or could have been asserted by Plaintiff in this Litigation on his own behalf and on behalf of the Settlement Class against Released Parties, for any injury or damages relating to or arising out of (a)(i) premiums or rates charged for UM/UIIM in the state of Colorado for auto insurance policies listing as covered more than one vehicle at the same time at any time during the Class Period; (ii) the manner in which UM/UIIM coverage or premiums for UM/UIIM coverage were described or not described to policyholders during the Class Period; (iii) disclosures or omissions to disclose in connection with the sale of, renewal of, or charging of additional premiums for UM/UIIM coverage during the Class Period, including without limitation any claim that the Released Parties violated (with respect to the foregoing) any Unfair Claims Practices statute, any consumer fraud statute, or any other statutory or common law requirement or duty, any claims of negligence, bad faith, misrepresentation, breach of contract, conversion, unjust enrichment, or any other claim; (iv) the presence of or reference to

the “owned-but-not-insured” exclusion in any offer or disclosure document or the auto insurance policies issued by the Settling Defendant; or (b) any and all claims to attorneys’ fees and/or expenses in connection with the prosecution of this Litigation or the claims described in subsection 8.1(a), except for the amount set forth in and awarded in this Judgment. As provided in the Settlement Agreement, this release should not be interpreted adversely to impact any Settlement Class Member’s individual claim, unrelated to the theories alleged in this Lawsuit, for any first-party insurance benefits payable under UM/UIM coverage.

13. Except to remedy any breach of the duties of the Class Representative or Class Counsel as specifically set forth in the Settlement Agreement, by operation of this Order, the Settling Defendant shall fully, finally and forever releases the Class Representative, the Settlement Class Members who have not timely excluded themselves from the Settlement Class, and Class Counsel from any and all past, present, or future damages and/or request for equitable relief arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the institution, prosecution, or resolution of this Litigation.

14. All Settlement Class Members who have not timely and properly excluded themselves from the Settlement Class are permanently enjoined, in either an individual or representative capacity, from filing, commencing, prosecuting, continuing, litigating, intervening in, participating in as class members or otherwise, or seeking to certify a class in, or organizing owners of policies of Settling Defendant into a separate class of persons, as a purported class action (including by seeking to amend a pending complaint to include class allegations), or receiving any benefits or other relief from, any other lawsuit, arbitration or administrative, regulatory or other proceeding or order in any jurisdiction, based on or relating to the claims and

causes of action asserted in this Litigation, the facts and circumstances relating to this Litigation, or the claims released in Paragraph 12.

15. Neither this Final Judgment, the Settlement Agreement, the fact of settlement, the settlement proceedings, settlement negotiations, nor any related document, shall be used as an admission of any act or omission by Settling Defendant or any other Released Party or be offered or received in evidence as an admission, concession, presumption, or inference of any wrongdoing by Settling Defendant or any other Released Party in any proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to consummate or enforce the Settlement Agreement or this Final Judgment.

16. The Parties are hereby authorized without further approval from the Court to adopt such amendments or modifications of the Settlement Agreement and all exhibits thereto as shall be consistent in all respects with the Settlement Agreement and this Final Judgment and do not limit the rights of Settlement Class Members.

17. The Court finds that the Parties and their counsel have expressed no opinions concerning the tax consequences of the settlement to Settlement Class Members and have made no representations, warranties, or other assurances regarding such tax consequences. No opinions, representations, warranties, or other assurances shall be deemed to have been made by the Parties or their counsel with respect to any such tax consequences by virtue of the Settlement Agreement or by effectuating the settlement, and the Parties and their counsel shall not be responsible or liable for any such tax consequences that may occur.

18. Upon written confirmation by the Class Administrator that all distributions have been made from the Settlement Fund pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Court will dismiss this action as against Settling Defendant on the merits and with prejudice and without

costs or attorneys' fees (except such costs and fees as are awarded herein from the Settlement Fund) as to all claims released by Plaintiff and Settlement Class Members in Paragraph 12.

19. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment, the Court retains jurisdiction over this Settlement to the extent necessary to implement, enforce, and administer the Settlement Agreement and this Final Judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Order constitutes a final and complete adjudication of Plaintiff's claims against Settling Defendant and the Court expressly determines that there is no just reason for delay pursuant to Rule 54(B).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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JUDGE D.D. MALLARD  
Boulder County District Court

EXHIBIT D  
TERMINATION ORDER

<p>DISTRICT COURT, BOULDER COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO Boulder Justice Center 1777 6<sup>th</sup> Street Boulder, CO 80302</p> <hr/> <p>DARRELL TOUTANT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated Plaintiff,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendant.</p> <hr/>	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p> <hr/> <p>Case Number: 06CV346</p> <p>Div: 1</p>
<b>STIPULATED ORDER OF DISMISSAL</b>	

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement between the parties, as approved by the Court in the Final Judgment entered \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, which was a final judgment of all claims in this Litigation, the Court retained jurisdiction over the implementation and enforcement of such settlement. The Court being advised that the settlement as described in the Settlement Agreement and Final Judgment has been fully implemented and completed, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that this action is hereby dismissed on the merits and

with prejudice and without costs or attorneys' fees, except for such fees and costs as previously approved by the Court in the Final Judgment.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

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JUDGE D.D. MALLARD  
Boulder County District Court