#### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Employee/Claimant:

OJCC Case No.:

George Villareal 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040

**Accident date: 12/18/2009** 

Employer:

City of Key West 3128 Flagler Ave. Key West, FL 33040

Carrier:

Employers Mutual Inc. (EMI)

THIS AGREEMENT, subject to the terms and conditions as set forth below, is intended to be a complete, entire and final release and waiver of any and all rights, to any and all benefits, past, present and future, that the Employee/Clamant, George Villareal, is, or may be, entitled to under Chapter 440, Florida Statutes, (as more fully set forth below), and any other actions, claims, demands or causes of actions, whatsoever, that the Employee/Claimant may have against the Employer, City of Key West and the Carrier/Servicing Agent, EMI, hereinafter, Employer/Carrier/Servicing Agent (ECSA).

I. TERMS OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE PURSUANT TO 440.20(11)(c), (d)&(e) (2001):

#### A. TOTAL SETTLEMENT AMOUNT:

The ECSA will pay the Claimant, in a lump sum inclusive of all attorney's fees and costs (if any), the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) of which, \$100.00 will be paid as consideration for a separate General Employer Release), payment of which will be made within thirty days (30) from the date of Certificate of Service on the Order approving the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20 (11). It is understood and agreed by the parties that the terms of this agreement are not enforceable until the Judge of Compensation Claims approves the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20(11).

#### B. ALL BENEFITS RESOLVED:

Payment of the aforementioned lump sum is in full satisfaction of the obligation or liability of the ECSA to pay any benefits of whatever kind or classification available under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law including, but not limited to, temporary total and temporary partial disability benefits, impairment benefits, permanent total disability benefits, supplemental benefits, wage loss benefits, rehabilitative temporary total disability benefits, vocational benefits, required to be provided by the Employer, death benefits, attorney's fees, past, present and future medical benefits, attendant care, prescriptions, orthotics, prosthetics, transportation, or any other benefit contemplated under Florida Statute 440 relating to the alleged accident, occurrence, incident, exposure or event which allegedly took place on or about 12/18/2009 when the Claimant claims to have injured his left ankle while working as a police officer for the City of Key West.

The Claimant acknowledges by his signature below, that upon payment of the consideration referenced in paragraph I, A herein, he waives all entitlement to any and all further Workers' Compensation benefits and that the ECSA will be fully and forever discharged and released from the obligation or liability to pay and all benefits of whatever kind or classification payable under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law.

The undersigned Claimant accepts and assumes all risk; chance or hazard that said injuries, damages, manifestations or losses are now or may become greater, more numerous or more extensive than is now known, anticipated or expected; and the undersigned Claimant agrees that this release applies to all injuries, damages, manifestations, or losses of every kind and character which have arisen, or which may hereafter arise, even though now unknown, unanticipated or unexpected. The undersigned Claimant hereby acknowledges full responsibility for all future medical benefits.

#### C. ATTORNEY'S FEES

1. Fee/ Costs paid by the Claimant-

The Claimant acknowledges that he has not retained the services of an attorney of record. The Claimant further acknowledges that he has had the ability and opportunity to officially retain an attorney and has in fact sought the advice of counsel as to whether this settlement is in fact in his best interests and so stipulates. There will be no attorney fees allotted as part of this settlement. The Claimant shall net the full Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars

(\$2500.00) (\$100.00 of which will be paid as consideration for a separate General Employer Release).

2. Prior Representation-

The Claimant will be responsible for any and all attorney's fee liens filed or held by any prior attorney, for representation of the Claimant. The Claimant agrees to indemnify and hold the ECSA harmless as to any attorney fee liens.

#### D. CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE

The Claimant shall be responsible for making any payment to child support from the Claimant's net settlement.

#### E. THIRD PARTY LIENS

The ECSA does not waive any lien rights pursuant to Florida Statute 440.39 and the lump sum benefits paid herein shall be included in the amount thereof. The Claimant agrees to give written notification to the ECSA or their attorney as to the filing of any suit against third parties arising out of the accident or injuries giving rise to this claim and to advise as to any recovery received from third parties arising out of the accident or injuries which are the subject matter of this claim. The Claimant further agrees that no proceeds from any third party claim shall be disbursed prior to satisfaction of the ECSA's lien.

#### II. STIPULATED FACTS:

#### A. MEDICAL CARE:

The Claimant acknowledges receipt of authorized medial care by Key West Urgent Care and Dr. Loeffler. The Claimant's diagnoses include, but are not limited to, left ankle instability with a prescribed Brostrom Lateral ankle reconstruction. The Claimant has been placed at Maximum Medical Improvement by Dr. Loeffler, Orthopedic on July 14, 2010 with a 4% Impairment Rating. The Claimant understands and acknowledges that the aforementioned authorized treatment and any corresponding indemnity entitlement will not be authorized as a condition of this settlement, and such termination of treatment shall be final and non-appealable effective the date the Judge of Compensation Claims approves the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocations of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20(11).

#### B. AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE AND COMPENSATION RATES:

The parties stipulate that the Claimant's average weekly wage is approximately \$1,070.80, thus making the compensation rate approximately \$713.90 per week. The Claimant acknowledges that effective the date the Judge of Compensation Claims approves the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20(11), he will no longer be eligible nor entitled to any past, present or future indemnity benefits.

#### III. SPECIFIC WAIVERS AND REPRESENTATIONS:

## A. WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HAVE CASE HEARD BY JUDGE OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS AND RIGHT TO BRING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION:

The Claimant understands that he does hereby relinquish the right to have any unresolved conflicts or disputes involving the right to monetary compensation benefits, impairment benefits, death benefits, attorney's fees, past due medical benefits, future medical benefits, and rehabilitation benefits heard and decided by the Judge of Compensation Claims. The Claimant also understands that this Settlement Agreement and Release shall be reviewed by the Judge of Compensation Claims in accordance with Florida Statute 440.20(11)(b). In addition, the Claimant also understands that the Order approving the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20(11) is not an award under the Florida Workers' Compensation Act and is not subject to modification or review.

#### B. WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST:

The Claimant does hereby waive any right he may have to any and all penalties and/or interest on account of the alleged accident or occupational disease referenced herein.

#### C. RIGHT TO FUTURE MEDICAL CARE CLOSED:

As provided under F.S. 440.20 (11)(b), the lump sum payable herein will fully discharge and satisfy the ECSA's to provide future remedial and palliative medical care under F.S. 440.13 and 440.134, including but not limited to, follow up examinations, pain medication, diagnostic testing, attendant care, and surgery. The ECSA shall no longer be liable for any

medical benefits resulting from the alleged accident or occupational disease referenced herein. Any further future medical expenses will be the sole responsibility of the Claimant. The Claimant agrees to notify his treating physicians that he is now alone fully financially responsible for any and all medical care and treatment.

The Claimant has considered or had the opportunity to consider any and all reports submitted by medical providers and rehabilitation providers. In addition, the Claimant has consulted with or had the opportunity to consult with medical providers and rehabilitation providers. The Claimant stipulates and agrees that he has determined that the amount of money being proposed to settle medical care and treatment is reasonable and adequate to meet the Claimant's future medical needs, in connection with the accident, occurrence, incident, exposure or event, which took place on or about 12/18/2009.

# D. ALL KNOWN ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES REVEALED AND ALL PENDING CLAIMS AND/OR PETITIONS FOR BENEFITS WITHDRAWNS AND/OR ACTIONS WAIVED:

The Claimant represents and affirms that all accidents, injuries, and occupational diseases known to have occurred or sustained while employed with the City of Key West have been revealed to the ECSA. All pending Claims/Petitions for Benefits are hereby voluntarily withdrawn and dismissed, with prejudice. It is stipulated and agreed that no accidental injuries or occupational diseases other than that specifically mentioned herein have been sustained, while the Claimant was employed with The City of Key West. This settlement represents a settlement of any and all claims or actions that may arise from the accident referenced herein and any claims or actions that may have arisen out of the Claimant's employment with The City of Key West.

As part of this settlement, the Claimant further specifically agrees to release and discharge the Employer, The City of Key West, its officers, agents, servants, employees, directors, successors, commissioners, assigns and any other person or entity so connected to the Employer, of any and all claims relating to retaliatory discharge under Section 440.205, F.S.

In addition, as further consideration for such payment, the Claimant agrees and does hereby release, discharge, and surrender any and all claims, whether or not asserted, against the Employer, The City of Key West, or its servicing agent, or any of their officers, agents, servants, employees, directors, commissioners, successors, assigns, and any other person or entity so connected to the Employer and/or servicing agent, of any nature whatsoever, without any limitation thereof.

### E. EMPLOYER/CARRRIER/SERVICING AGENT'S PAYMENT OF PAST MEDICAL BILLS:

The ECSA agrees to pay, in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Fee Schedule, any bills for treatment causally related to the work accident or occupational disease, from authorized health care providers/ facilities, for dates of service regarding palliative care prior to the date of Order approving the Motion for Approval of Attorney's Fees and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage. The ECSA will pay for such services upon receipt of the authorized treating physician's bills, submitted on proper forms. The current surgical recommendation will not be authorized as of the date of the Claimant's signature below, along with any corresponding indemnity.

The ECSA does not agree to pay any bills from unauthorized health care providers/facilities and the Claimant stipulates and agrees that he is solely responsible for resolving and satisfying any liens or attachments, filed by any health care provider/facility, not authorized by the ECSA. The Claimant also stipulates and agrees that he is not aware of any liens of attachments, filed by any health care provider/facilities not authorized by the ECSA. Moreover, the Claimant stipulates and agrees that the ECSA shall be indemnified and held harmless, against any action brought by any third party, for payment of past medical bills, for medical treatment, not authorized by the ECSA.

#### F. FULL AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE:

The Claimant acknowledges that he has full and complete knowledge of all pertinent and material facts in the instant claim and it is his desire to settle this claim, fully and finally, consistent with and under the provisions of Section 440.20 F.S.. The Claimant has entered into this agreement after full discussion and consideration of the matter and with full knowledge of the reports and opinions of the Claimant's treating physicians and rehabilitation counselors, as well as the Claimant's own estimate of his own physical condition. The Claimant further represents that his rights under the Florida Workers' Compensation Law have been explained to his satisfaction and that he has made independent inquiry concerning the reasonableness of the settlement and his medical and disability status or has waived the opportunity to do so. The Claimant understands that if this case were not settled, the Claimant would have a period of time following the date of last payment of compensation or furnishing of medical care in which to further a claim against the ECSA herein because of injuries suffered in this accident. The Claimant feels that it is advantageous and in

his best interest to terminate this non-litigated claim and accept the settlement agreed to hereunder in full and final adjudication and settlement of this claim to compensation and medical benefits. The Claimant understands that the ECSA also waives substantial rights in settlement of this claim. The Claimant also understands that if he initiates legal proceedings pertaining to this Settlement Agreement and Release, after the Judge of Compensation Claims approves the Motion for Lump Sum Settlement and Child Support Arrearage and Allocation for settlement under 440.20(11), the Claimant shall be liable to the ECSA for all its expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred during the proceeding.

As further consideration and inducement for this compromise settlement, the undersigned Claimant agrees to indemnify, protect and hold harmless all parties named in this Settlement Agreement and Release and all other persons, firms and corporations whomsoever from all judgments, costs, attorney's fees and expenses whatsoever arising on account of any action, claim or demand including but not limited to the following: all claims for subrogation, workers' compensation liens, bills and any and all claims under any Federal, State or local disability act; any claim under the Americans with Disabilities Act; any other public programs providing medical expenses, disability payments, or other similar benefits, any and all claims under Medicaid, Medicare, any and all claims for reimbursement or subrogation under any group medical policy, individual medical policy or any health maintenance organization; any and all claims for reimbursement or subrogation under any health, sickness, or income disability coverage; any and all claims for reimbursement or subrogation under any contract or agreement with any group, organization, partnership, or corporation which provides for the payment or reimbursement of medical expenses or wages during the period of disability; and any and all actions, claims or demands whatsoever of any type or nature which may hereinafter be brought or asserted against the parties named in this Settlement Agreement and Release, on account of any injury, loss or damage resulting from the accident, occurrence, incident or event aforesaid.

The undersigned Claimant warrants that no promise or inducement not herein expressed has been made; that in executing this Release the undersigned Claimant is not relying upon any statement or representation made by any person, firm or corporation hereby released or any agent, physician or doctor or other person representing them or any of them concerning the nature, extent or duration of the injuries, losses or damages here involved or the legal liability therefore, or concerning any other thing or matter; that the payment of the above mentioned sum is in compromise settlement and full satisfaction of all the aforesaid actions, claims and demands whatsoever; that the undersigned Claimant is over the age of

twenty-one (21) years and legally competent to execute this Release and that the undersigned Claimant is fully informed of the contents of this Settlement Agreement and Release and signs it with full knowledge of its meaning.

#### G. VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

As a result of an irreparable Employee/Employer relationship, it is stipulated that the Claimant will voluntarily resign his employment and will not seek re-employment with The City of Key West. The agreement to voluntarily resign and not seek re-employment is not being entered into due to any disabilities the Claimant may allege and is not the sole consideration for settlement of the claim referenced herein. The Claimant's voluntary resignation from further employment with The City of Key West, will take place immediately upon the signature of the Judge of Compensation Claims on the Motion to Approve Attorney's Fees and Child Support below without any further action by any party. It is further agreed that the Claimant will not re-apply with The City of Key West.

#### H. VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT:

The Claimant understands that he, like the ECSA does not have to settle and is doing so freely, voluntarily and with no duress or coercion from anyone. The Claimant also affirms that he is mentally competent and understands all of the terms of this agreement and the consequences there from and further has had the advice from counsel, though not retained, with whom the Claimant is satisfied. The Claimant further understands that he has had the right to take any claim/petition for any workers' compensation benefit to a hearing to have said claim/petition heard by a judge of Compensation Claims and that by settling, he gives up that right permanently. The Claimant represents that he has read this Settlement Agreement and Release and hereby acknowledges that he understands and accepts all of the terms and conditions herein and that he has done so with the advice of counsel.

#### I. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

The ECSA and the Claimant agree that if any one section of this Settlement Agreement and Release shall be found to be void or otherwise ineffective, same shall not serve to nullify the entire Settlement Agreement and Release and that such section(s) shall be severable from the Settlement Agreement and Release.

#### J. CONSTITUTIONALITY CLAUSE

The ECSA and the Claimant agree that in the event this Settlement Agreement and Release shall be found to be unconstitutional or invalid by

the District Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Florida, or is not otherwise given full force and effect or is voided for any reason, in part or in whole, the ECSA shall be entitled to full reimbursement of the full lump-sum paid to the Claimant provided herein, within fourteen (14) days of the request by the ECSA, the ECSA shall be entitled to 100% offset against the Claimant's indemnity and medical benefits until the settlement amount is fully repaid. Under no circumstances shall the settlement amount provided for herein be considered a gratuitous payment by the ECSA.

#### K. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICARE'S INTERESTS IN SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO 42 C.F.R. 411.46, 411.47 AND THE MEDICARE INTERMEDIARY MANUAL:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services have stated in a memorandum circulated to its regional offices that Medicare's interests must be considered only in those Workers' Compensation settlements wherein: 1) the Claimant is already a Medicare beneficiary and the settlement amount is in excess of \$25,000.00 OR 2) the Claimant has a "reasonable expectation" of Medicare enrollment within thirty (30) months of the settlement date and the anticipated settlement is in excess of \$250,000.00. If the settlement meets the above criteria and CMS' interests are not considered, then the parties may be liable for double the damages. Based upon that memorandum, the parties agree that this settlement does not meet the above criterion because the Claimant states that he is not a Medicare beneficiary, and therefore, a Medicare set-aside account is not required.

Notwithstanding the above, it is not the purpose of this settlement agreement to shift to Medicare the responsibility for payment of medical expenses for the treatment of work-related conditions. Instead, this settlement agreement is intended to provide the Claimant with a lump sum and/or structured payment which will foreclose the ECSA's/ TPA's responsibility for future payments of all work-related medical expenses.

Should Medicare determine that it should be reimbursed for any past medical expense which were paid on behalf of the Claimant for medical treatment related to the work injury, then the Claimant stipulates and agrees that the Claimant is solely responsible for resolving and satisfying any and all of the outstanding conditional payments identified by Medicare within the requirements prescribed by Medicare. Nonetheless, the Claimant also stipulates and agrees that the Claimant is not aware of any outstanding conditional payments made by Medicare related to this work injury. Likewise, the parties submit that since the Claimant is not a Medicare beneficiary at this time, no conditional payment should have been made.

The Claimant also agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the ECSA from any cause of action, including, but not limited to, any action to recover or recoup Medicare benefits paid or a loss of Medicare benefits, if Medicare determines that a Medicare set-aside account was required, or for any recovery sought by Medicare including past, present and future liens.

The Claimant acknowledges that the Claimant has not relied on any representations, advice of counsel of the ECSA, their attorney's agents or adjusters or the Claimant's unretained attorney regarding the Claimant's entitlement to Social Security Medicare or Medicaid benefits and the impact the terms of this Stipulation may have on those benefits. The Claimant further acknowledges that any decision regarding entitlement to Social Security Medicare or Medicaid benefits including the amount and duration of payments and offset reimbursement for prior payments is exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Social Security Administration, the United States government, and the United States federal courts and is determined by federal law. As such, the United States government is not bound by any of the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Release.

The Claimant has been apprised of his right to seek assistance from legal counsel of his choosing or directly from the Social Security Administration or other governmental agencies regarding the impact of this Settlement Agreement and Release may have on the Claimant's present or future entitlement to Social Security or other governmental benefits. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Claimant desires to enter into the terms of this Stipulation.

This Settlement Agreement and the day of ECSA on the day of	Release was signed by the Claimant on, 2012, and by the attorney for the, 2012.
EMPLOYEE-CLAIMANT:	ATTORNEY FOR THE ECSA:
GEORGE VILLAREAL 1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, Fl 33040	RONALD RAMSINGH, ESQ. City Attorney's Office 3128 Flagler Ave Key West, FL 33040 (305) 809-3775

**EMPLOYER:** 

The City of Key West
Jim Scholl, City Manager
AFFIDAVIT
STATE OF FLORIDA )
) SS:
COUNTY OF: MONROE )
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally appeared, GEORGE VILLAREAL, to me known to be the person described in, or has produced identification in the form of
, on this
Resignation from employment freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.
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GEORGE VILLAREAL
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida
My commission expires: <u>(0/3/2015</u> (print or stamp below:)
CLAIRE L. HURD  MY COMMISSION # EE 134561  EXPIRES: October 3, 2015  Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

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#### RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00 the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by George Villareal (Claimant), tendered by and on behalf of The City of Key West (Employer/Carrier), the parties to this Release and Indemnity Agreement (Agreement) agree as follows:

The Claimant does hereby knowingly and with full knowledge consent to release, remise and forever acquit the Carrier, and each of their collective past or present officers, agents, attorneys, servants, employees, parent companies or corporation, subsidiaries, affiliates, assignees, transferees, predecessors, successors, insurer, re-insurer whatsoever, of any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of actions of any kind whatsoever, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, foreseeable or unforeseeable, and any consequences thereof, from the beginning of time until the date of this agreement, including those arising under any federal or state law or local ordinance (including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and/or the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992), Section 440.025 Florida Statute claims, or contract including, but not limited to, any claims, demands, actions or causes of action whether statutory or at common law arising out of or in any way related to the Claimant's term of employment and/or medical treatment.

FURTHER, the terms "claims, demands, actions, and causes of action" as defined herein include those which have been made, or which might be made, against any party of the date set forth below in any action whatsoever, civil or criminal, administrative or judicial. The above referenced settlement amount (\$100.00) is deemed to include all costs, expenses and disbursements to which Claimant may be entitled under federal or state law or local ordinance, including any claim for attorney's fees and other expenses of litigation. Said payment further constitutes considerations for and in settlement of the Claimant's claim for any and all damages available under the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADEA, Family and Medical Leave Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Civil Rights Act of 1991, including but not limited to claims for emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, wages and other pecuniary and non-pecuniary losses and for any and all damages available under the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, Chapter 760, Florida Statutes, including but not limited to their claims for mental anguish, loss of dignity, wages and other tangible and non-tangible damages for their claims for attorney's fees past, present and

future as well as for their claims sounding in any and all common law tort for personal injury.

FURTHER, this Agreement covers any and all past, present and future claims for personal injuries, known or unknown, mental and physical injuries or suffering, disability, physical impairment, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, medical expense, embarrassment, humiliation, sexual harassment, back wages, loss of earning or earning capacity, including any claims for loss of service, companionship or consortium, property damage and other damages, any municipal, county, state or federal causes of action.

FURTHER, this Agreement includes, any claims for front and/or back pay, unemployment, or for recovery of any losses or other damages to me or my property based on any alleged violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act; the Employee Retirement Income Security Act; the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act; the Florida and U.S. Constitutions, any other federal, state or local statute, regulation, or common law doctrine regarding employment, unemployment or discrimination in employment, any disability payments or benefits; any other public programs providing medical expenses, disability payments, or other similar benefits; and any and all actions, claims, or demands whatsoever of any type or nature which may hereafter be brought or asserted against the Employer/Carrier on account of any injury, loss, or damage that arose, or could arise, from the facts giving rise to the claim being settled hereby.

**FURTHER**, the Claimant further specifically agrees to release and discharge the Employer/Carrier, its Officers, agents, servants, employees, directors, commissioners, successors, assigns, and any other person or entity so connected to the Employer, of any and all claims relating to retaliatory discharge under section 440.205, Florida Statutes.

FURTHER, The Claimant agrees to indemnify, to save, to defend and to hold harmless the Employer/Carrier of any and all claims, subrogated interests or liens of any third parties, including but not limited to, hospital and physician liens, Blue Cross/Blue Shield liens or subrogation rights, Medicare or Medicaid liens or subrogation rights, attorney's fees charging liens, any local, county, city or state or federal government liens, Internal Revenue Service liens, and any and all other subrogated interests or liens, regardless of their source. The Claimant declares and represents that the terms of this Agreement are contractual and not mere recitals, and include any and all hospital liens and doctor's liens (that were not authorized by the Employer/ Carrier); and/or subrogated interests which are to be paid by the Claimant out of the proceeds of this settlement.

FURTHER, The Claimant understands and agrees that the Agreement is the compromise of a disputed claim and that the payment made is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the Employer/Carrier and that the Employer/ Carrier deny liability therefore and intend merely to avoid litigation.

Each party to the Agreement shall bear their own respective attorney's costs as it relates to this Agreement.

FURTHER, the Claimant does hereby declare and represent that the injuries allegedly sustained are or may be permanent and progressive and that recovery is therefore uncertain and indefinite, and in making this agreement it is understood and agreed that he relied wholly upon his judgment and his attorneys, belief and knowledge of the nature, extend and effect and duration of said alleged injuries and liabilities therefore, and this agreement is made without reliance upon any statement or representation of the Employer/Carrier or their representatives or by any physician or surgeon by them employed.

FURTHER, this Agreement shall compromise any and all claims the Claimant might have against the Employer/Carrier, or any of them, including but not limited to those relating to the Claimant's employment and/or medical treatment, but not limited to any statutory and/or contractual and/or tort claims they may have. The Claimant further agrees not to file or make in the future any charges or claims against the Employer/Carrier with any governmental agency or judicial body, either state, federal or local, for any matter taking place prior to the execution of this Agreement. The Employer/Carrier specifically deny that they have violated any local, state or federal law relating to the Claimant's employment and/or medical treatment, and/or resignation and/or termination by the employee/claimant and the Agreement shall not be deemed an admission of any wrongdoing by said parties.

FURTHER, the Claimant acknowledges and warrants that he has entered into this agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge and of his own accord. This Agreement contains and constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties respecting the subject matter hereof and there are no other promises, covenants, warranties or representations of whatever name or nature, whether written or oral, that are not part of the Agreement.

**FURTHER**, the Claimant states that he has carefully read this Agreement, is aware of its contents, and freely and voluntarily agrees to all of its terms and conditions.

The Claimant further declares and represents that he fully understands the terms and conditions of the Agreement, has spent sufficient time to review and consider this Agreement before executing it, has been advised to

discuss this matter with an attorney before executing the Agreement and has done so or has had a full opportunity to discuss this matter with an attorney before executing the Agreement and has declined to do so.

FURTHER, The Claimant warrants that he has been given 21 days within which to consider this Agreement. In addition, the Claimant has up to seven (7) days to rescind the Agreement after signing it.

FURTHER, this Agreement is conditioned upon the Judge of Compensation Claims approving the Motion for Approval of Lump Sum Settlement and Allocation of Child Support Arrearage for Settlement under Section 440.20(11).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned executes and seals this Release this 27 day of FEB., 2012.

Witnesses:

Name:

State of Florida **County of Monroe** 

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, George Villareal, who has acknowledged to me that he has executed the forgoing Release and Indemnity Agreement freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 27 day of Febr

2012.

My Commission expires:

EXPIRES: October 3, 2015