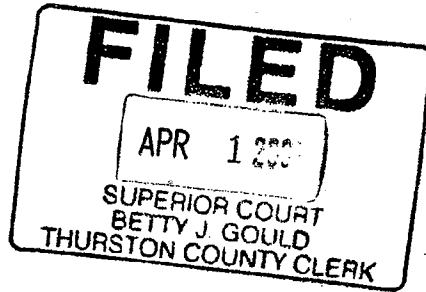


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STATE OF WASHINGTON
THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

In Re: NATIONWIDE FUNDRAISERS INC,
Respondent.

EX PARTE
NO. **09-2-00740-1**
ASSURANCE OF
DISCONTINUANCE

The State of Washington, by and through its attorneys, Robert M. McKenna, Attorney General, and Shannon E. Smith, Senior Counsel, files this Assurance of Discontinuance pursuant to RCW 19.86.100.

1. The Attorney General initiated an investigation into the charitable registration status of Nationwide Fundraisers Inc. and the Reserve Police Officers Association.

2. The Attorney General deems the following to constitute unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Consumer Protection Act, RCW 19.86.020, and violations of the Charitable Solicitation Act, RCW 19.09:

- a. Soliciting or collecting charitable contributions from the general public in the state of Washington, while not being registered with the Washington Secretary of State as a commercial fundraiser, as required by RCW 19.09.
- b. Soliciting or collecting charitable contributions from the general public on behalf of a charity that is not registered with the Washington Secretary of State as a charitable organization, as required by RCW 19.09.

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1 3. Respondent, Nationwide Fundraisers, Inc., agrees to cease soliciting in the
2 state of Washington unless and until it has successfully registered as a commercial fundraiser
3 with the Washington Secretary of State. Respondent also agrees to cease soliciting on behalf
4 of any charitable organization that is not registered as a charitable organization with the
5 Washington Secretary of State. If Respondent continues to solicit in the state of Washington,
6 proof of registration of Nationwide Fundraisers, Inc., and any charitable organizations on
7 whose behalf it solicits, including but not limited to Reserve Police Officers Association, must
8 be received by the Office of the Attorney General in order to comply with the requirements of
9 this Assurance of Discontinuance.

10 4. The Respondent agrees to pay the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred
11 by the Attorney General in pursuing this matter in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable in full
12 upon signing this Assurance of Discontinuance. Payment shall be made by valid cashier's
13 check, paid to the order of "Attorney General—State of Washington."

14 5. Respondent shall send the signed Assurance of Discontinuance and the
15 cashier's check to the Office of the Attorney General, Attention: Donnelle Brooke, Consumer
16 Protection Division, 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, Washington, 98104-3188.

17 6. This Assurance of Discontinuance shall not be considered an admission of
18 violation of the Consumer Protection Act or the Charitable Solicitations Act for any purposes,
19 but failure to comply with this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be *prima facie* evidence of
20 violations of RCW 19.86.020, thereby placing upon the violator, Nationwide Fundraisers, Inc.
21 and its officers, directors, and principals, the burden of defending against imposition by the
22 Court of injunctions, restitution, and civil penalties of up to \$2000.00 per violation and costs,
23 including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Attorney General in pursuing such
24 action.

25 7. Under no circumstances shall this Assurance of Discontinuance or the name of
26 the State of Washington, the Office of the Attorney General, the Washington Secretary of

1 State, or any of its employees or representatives be used by the Respondent or by its officers,
2 employees, representatives, or agents in conjunction with any business activity of the
3 Respondent.

4 8. Nothing in this Assurance of Discontinuance shall be construed so as to limit
5 or bar any other person or entity from pursuing any legal remedies against the Respondent.

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7 APPROVED IN OPEN COURT THIS 27th day of MARCH, 2009.

8 ANNE HIRSCH
9 JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

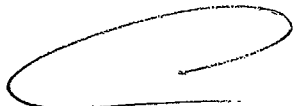
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Agreed to, Approved for Entry, Notice of
Presentation Waived:

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13 ROBERT M. MCKENNA
Attorney General

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16 SHANNON SMITH, WSBA# 19077
17 Assistant Attorney General
Attorneys for State of Washington

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Nationwide Fundraisers Inc.
By its Authorized Representative
Date: 3/13/09

20 Additional information relating to the person
21 authorized by the Nationwide Fundraisers Inc.
22 to sign this Assurance of Discontinuance on
23 its behalf:

24 Print Name: Carissa
25 Signature: _____
26 Position in Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____