

EXHIBIT A

RELEASE

FOR THE SOLE CONSIDERATION of Fifty Thousand & No/100 Dollars (\$50,000), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby releases and forever discharges **MARC STEPHEN JOHNSON** and the **CITY OF DULUTH** from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action of any kind, and particularly on account of all loss, injuries and damage, known or unknown, direct or consequential, to person or property which have resulted, or may in the future result or develop, from a dog bite incident that occurred on or about May 28, 2018, at or near the Patch Motel, in the city of Warroad, county of Roseau, state of Minnesota.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGES and assumes all risk, chance or hazard that said loss, injuries and damage, may become progressive, greater, or more extensive than is now known, anticipated or expected. No promise or inducement which is not herein expressed has been made to the undersigned, and in executing this Release, the undersigned does not rely upon any statement or representation made by any person or entity hereby released, or any agent or representative of any of them, concerning the nature, extent or duration of said loss, injuries and damage, or the legal liability therefore.

THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS that this settlement is in compromise of doubtful and disputed claims, and that the payment above recited is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the persons and entities hereby released, by whom liability is expressly denied.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES that this Release is intended as a complete discharge of the persons and entities hereby released from all further liability to the undersigned for the consequences of said dog bite incident, including but not limited to any/all compensatory and punitive damages claims, any attorney fee claims, and that said consideration is voluntarily accepted for the purpose of making a full, complete and final compromise, adjustment and settlement of any and all claims, demands or causes of action.

TERI LYNN EHLERS agrees to pay or resolve all liens and subrogation claims arising out of the incident for any losses claimed to be related to the May 28, 2018 dog bite incident, including but not limited to any medical or Medicare reimbursement claims before any sum is distributed to the undersigned.

THIS RELEASE contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

THE UNDERSIGNED further states that she has carefully read the foregoing Release, know the contents thereof, and signs the same as her free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2021.

TERI LYNN EHLERS

On the _____ day of _____, 2021, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared **TERI LYNN EHLERS**, to me known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing Release, and acknowledges that she executed the same as her free act and deed.

NOTARY PUBLIC