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2 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

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4 In the Matter of

5 **STEPHEN CHARLES CENTNER,**
6 **LMT**

Board Case Nos. 18-138

CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR SURRENDER

7 Holder of License No. MT-22708
8 As a Massage Therapist
9 In the State of Arizona

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11 In the interest of a prompt and judicious settlement of this case, consistent with the
12 public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Arizona State Board
13 of Massage Therapy ("Board") under A.R.S. § 32-4201, *et. seq.*, Stephen Charles Centner
14 ("Respondent"), holder of Massage Therapist License Number MT-22708 in the State of
15 Arizona, and the Board enter into the following Recitals, Findings of Fact, Conclusions
16 of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement") as a final disposition of this matter.

17 **RECITALS**

18 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and has had
19 the opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney, or has waived the
20 opportunity to discuss this Consent Agreement with an attorney.

21 2. Respondent understands that he has a right to a public administrative
22 hearing concerning this matter, at which hearing he could present evidence and cross
23 examine witnesses. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent knowingly
24 and voluntarily relinquishes all right to such an administrative hearing, as well as rights
25 of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative
26 and/or judicial action, concerning the matters set forth herein.

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2 3. Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be
3 irrevocable.

4 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement or any part of the
5 agreement may be considered in any future disciplinary action by the Board against him.

6 5. Respondent understands this Consent Agreement deals with Board case
7 numbers 18-138 involving allegations that Respondent engaged in conduct that would
8 subject him to discipline under the Board's statutes and rules. The investigation into
9 these allegations against Respondent shall be concluded upon the Board's adoption of this
10 Consent Agreement.

11 6. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a
12 dismissal or resolution of any other matters currently pending before the Board, if any,
13 and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority
14 or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future investigation, action or proceeding.

15 7. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Consent Agreement
16 does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting
17 any other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of
18 this Consent Agreement.

19 8. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that, upon signing this Consent
20 Agreement and returning this document to the Board's Executive Director, he may not
21 revoke her acceptance of the Consent Agreement or make any modifications to the
22 document regardless of whether the Consent Agreement has been signed by the Executive
23 Director. Any modification to this original document is ineffective and void unless
24 mutually agreed by the parties in writing.

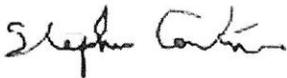
25 9. This Consent Agreement is effective only when signed by the Executive
26 Director on behalf of the Board.

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3 10. If a court of competent jurisdiction rules that any part of this Consent
4 Agreement is void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement
5 shall remain in full force and effect.

6 11. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record that
7 may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and may be reported as
8 required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank or other such databases.

9 12. Respondent agrees that the Board will adopt the following Findings of Fact,
10 Conclusions of Law and Order.

11 ACCEPTED AND AGREED BY RESPONDENT

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August 8th, 2018

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15 Dated: _____

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18 Stephen Charles Centner

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20 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

21 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the
22 practice of Massage Therapy in the State of Arizona.

23 2. Respondent is the holder of license number MT-22708 to practice as a
24 Massage Therapist in the State of Arizona.

25 3. On May 30, 2018, Respondent provided massage therapy services to client
26 NB at the Downtown Salon Phoenix .

4. During the massage, Respondent kissed NB without her consent.

5. In a written response to the complaint, Respondent admitted to kissing NB.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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3 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over
4 Respondent pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4201 *et seq.*

5 2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement
6 with a massage therapist and accept the surrender of an active license from a
7 massage therapist who admits to having committed an act, which would subject
8 her to discipline under the Board's statutes or rules. *See* A.R.S. § 32-4254(O)(2).

9 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for
10 discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(6) (violating board statutes or rules).

11 4. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for
12 discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(10) (engaging in conduct that could
13 harm the public)

14 5. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute grounds for
15 discipline pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(16) (failing to adhere to the recognized
16 standards and ethics of the massage therapy profession)

17 **ORDER**

18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that License Number MT-22708 issued to Stephen
19 Charles Centner to practice as a massage therapist in the State of Arizona is hereby
20 SURRENDERED.

21 DATED this 3rd day of August, 2018.

22 ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE
23 THERAPY

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25 By: 
26 RYAN EDMONSON
Executive Director

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this 9th day of August, 2018, with:

Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy
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