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| 10  | CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA   |   |  |
| 11  | ABC Industrial Laundry d/b/a Universal<br>Laundry Supply,  | Case No.:<br>Dept. No.:                       |  |
| 12  | Plaintiffs,  |   |  |
| 13  | V.   |   |  |
| 14  | Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty, a  | COMPLAINT                                     |  |
| 15<br>16                                  | foreign corporation; Allianz Global Risks<br>US Insurance Company, a foreign   |   |  |
| 17<br>18                                  | corporation; The American Insurance<br>Company, a foreign corporation; Does 1<br>through 20; Roe Corporations 1 through 20;<br>inclusive |   |  |
| 19  | Defendants.  |   |  |
| 20  | GENERAL A  | ALLEGATIONS                                   |  |
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| 23  | Limited Liability Company registered to do business and is actually doing business in Clark  |   |  |
| 24  | County, Nevada.  |   |  |
| 25  | 2. Defendant, Allianz Global Cor   | porate & Specialty, is a New York Corporation |  |
| 26  | authorized to issue insurance in Nevada and doi  | ng business in Clark County, Nevada.          |  |
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3. Defendant, Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company, is an Illinois Corporation, authorized to issue insurance in Nevada and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

4. Defendant, the American Insurance Company, is an Ohio Corporation, authorized to issue insurance in Nevada and doing business in Clark County, Nevada.

5. Defendants, Does 1 through 5 and Roe Corporations 1 through 5, inclusive, are individuals, associations, corporations, partnerships or other entities which are owners, controllers, and/or partners, in association with Defendant Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty and may have in some way caused or contributed to Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged. The true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants Does 1 through 5 and Roe Corporations 1 through 5, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs allege each Defendant designated herein as a Doe and/or Roe Corporation was responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint and negligently caused injury and damages to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs will ask leave of Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of Defendants, Does 1 through 5 and Roe Corporations 1 through 5, inclusive, to include those true names and charging allegations when they are ascertained.

6. Defendants, Does 6 through 10 and Roe Corporations 6 through 10, inclusive, are individuals, associations, corporations, partnerships or other entities which are owners, controllers, and/or partners, in association with Defendant Allianz Global Risks US Insurance Company and may have in some way caused or contributed to Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged. The true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants Does 6 through 10 and Roe Corporations 6 through 10, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs allege each Defendant designated herein as a Doe and/or Roe Corporation was responsible in some manner for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint and negligently caused injury and damages to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs will ask leave of Court to amend this Complaint to insert the

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true names and capacities of Defendants, Does 6 through 10 and Roe Corporations 6 through 10, inclusive, to include those true names and charging allegations when they are ascertained.

7. Defendants, Does 11 through 15 and Roe Corporations 11 through 15, inclusive, are 4 individuals, associations, corporations, partnerships or other entities which are owners, controllers, 5 and/or partners, in association with Defendant the American Insurance Company and may have in 6 some way caused or contributed to Plaintiffs' damages as herein alleged. The true names or 7 capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or otherwise, of Defendants Does 11 through 8 9 15 and Roe Corporations 11 through 15, inclusive, are unknown to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs allege 10 each Defendant designated herein as a Doe and/or Roe Corporation was responsible in some 11 manner for the events and happenings referred to in this Complaint and negligently caused injury 12 and damages to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs will ask leave of Court to amend this Complaint to insert the 13 true names and capacities of Defendants, Does 11 through 15 and Roe Corporations 11 through 15, 14 inclusive, to include those true names and charging allegations when they are ascertained.

8. Defendants Does 16 through 20 and Roe Corporations 16 through 20 are 16 17 individuals, associations, corporations, partnerships, and/or other entities that are owners, 18 controllers, and/or partners that may have in some way caused or contributed to Plaintiffs' 19 damages as alleged herein. The true names and/or capacities of Does 16 through 20 and Roe 20 Corporations 16 through 20 are unknown to Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs will ask leave of Court to amend 21 this Complaint to insert the true names and capacities of Does 16 through 20 and Roe Corporations 22 16 through 20 when they are ascertained. 23

9. Defendants are agents, servants, employees, employers, trade venturers, and/or 24 25 partners of each other. At the time of the events described in this Complaint, Defendants were acting 26 within the color, purpose and scope of their relationships, and by reason of their relationships, 27

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1 Defendants may be jointly and severally and/or vicariously responsible and liable for the acts and 2 omissions of their Co-Defendants.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

10. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 9 above.

11. Plaintiff purchased a Portfolio policy with Defendant(s) with the effective dates of July 1, 2019 through July 1, 2020 and a Policy Number of S 17 MZX 80998346 (hereinafter "Policy" or "the Policy"). Among possible other coverages, the Portfolio policy included coverage for General Liability, Inland Marine, Business Auto, Business Personal Property, Business Real Property, Business Income Including Rental Value, and Crisis Management Coverage. (Exhibit "1").

12. Defendant drafted the policy.

Plaintiffs timely paid their annual premium of \$128,381.00 on Policy Number S 17 13. MZX 80998346.

14. Under "Other Property Coverage," the policy provided for \$15,000,000.00 in coverage for Business Income Including Rental Value with 0% coinsurance.

19 15. Coverage is provided under the policy for the actual loss of Business Income 20 sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by direct physical loss of or damage to property. 22

16. Under the "Manufacturing: Property Gard Extension Endorsement" "Business 23 Income Form and Extra Expense" under "Other Causes of Loss," the policy provided for four 24 25 weeks of coverage under the Civil Authority Endorsement with an extended period of indemnity 26 for up to 180 days.

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17. Under the "Manufacturing: Property Gard Extension Endorsement" "Business Income Form and Extra Expense" under "Other Causes of Loss," the policy included dependent properties coverage of up to \$250,000.00.

18. The Dependent Property Coverage covered losses caused by direct physical loss or damage to a dependent property. Dependent property includes properties owned by others that the insured depends on to accept the insureds' products or services.

19. Under the "Crisis Management Coverage Extension Endorsement" to "Other Property Coverage," the policy provided for \$25,000 for up to 60 days of Crisis Event Business Income after a 24-hour waiting period and up to \$25,000.00 for post event expenses. A covered crisis event included premises contamination due to communicable disease. Communicable disease includes any virus or illness.

20. The policy also provides coverage for extra expenses incurred during the period of restoration that the insured would not have incurred if there had been no direct physical loss or damage to property.

21. Under "Other Property Coverage," the policy further provided coverage for the actual loss of Business Income the insured sustained and necessary Extra Expenses caused by action of civil authority that prohibits access to the described premises due to direct physical loss of or damage to property.

22. Viruses, such as SARS-CoV-2, and communicable diseases, such as COVID-19,
23 are known perils in the insurance industry. In fact, the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (the "ISO")
24 has recognized that disease-causing agents can cause property damage and lead to business
25 interruption losses.

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23. Although the subject policy contained a "Disease" exclusion to "Special Causes of Loss," it did not contain a "Disease" exclusion to "Other Property Coverage" or "Other Causes of Loss."

24. The policy did not exclude pandemic-related losses.

25. The policy did not define direct physical loss.

26. Plaintiff provides exclusive laundry service to the Wynn and Encore hotels on the Las Vegas Strip.

9 27. Beginning in or around March 2020, COVID-19 physically intruded into property throughout the State of Nevada, including the premises of the Plaintiff and its primary customers, the Wynn and Encore.

28. SARS-CoV-2 and/or COVID-19 is contained in tangible physical droplets residing 13 in the air and on surfaces within property, causing such property to be unsafe and unusable for their normal occupancy and use, thus impairing their value and utility. These physical droplets 15 attached to the air and to surfaces and fixtures within the Covered Properties, which changed and 16 17 altered those surfaces and objects, resulting in physical damage. These conditions were not unique 18 to the Covered Properties; rather they were ubiquitous for indoor properties within a one-mile vicinity of the Covered Properties (and far beyond).

29. The incubation period for COVID-19 from the time of exposure to the date symptoms appear can be up to 14 days. In addition, some infected individuals do not show symptoms and can unknowingly spread the highly contagious disease.

30. So far, COVID-19 has infected over 32 million people in the United States and has 24 25 resulted in the deaths of over 577,000 Americans.

26 31. The presence of COVID-19 heightened the potential for spread of COVID-19, thus 27 making it dangerous for businesses to operate on their premises.

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32. The presence of COVID-19 forced Plaintiffs to suspend or reduce business at their 2 covered premises.

33. The presence of COVID-19 forced businesses on which Plaintiff is dependent to suspend or reduce their business activities.

34. On March 12, 2020, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak, declared an emergency and directed all state agencies to supplement the efforts of all impacted and threatened counties to save lives, protect property, and protect the health and safety of persons in this state. At the time of this declaration, Clark County had reported 8 cases of COVID-19.

35. On March 13, 2020, United States President Donald J. Trump declared a nationwide emergency for COVID-19.

36. On March 17, 2020, Clark County had 42 reported cases of COVID-19. On that date, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak verbally ordered all casinos to close. The following day, he signed a statewide stay-at-home order (the "Order") to stem the spread of the novel coronavirus which had been named a global pandemic. All non-household members were required to maintain six feet of social distancing per person. All non-essential businesses were ordered closed and would-be customers of those businesses were required to stay at home.

37. All casinos remained closed by order of the State and/or the Nevada Gaming Control Board from March 17, 2020 through June 4, 2020.

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38. Many essential businesses that were permitted to remain open (often at reduced capacity) experienced a loss of business income and were severely impacted by the Order.

39. Sisolak issued several additional orders extending his stay-at-home order and 24 25 imposing capacity restrictions on businesses.

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40. Although the Wynn and Encore were permitted to re-open at reduced capacity on June 4, 2020, as of the date this Complaint is filed, they still are not permitted to operate at full capacity and must adhere to reduced capacity requirements.

41. Most other businesses in the State of Nevada, including Plaintiff's, are also still required to operate at reduced capacity.

42. Given Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements caused Plaintiff to be unable to fully use their property, thus resulting in a direct physical loss to Plaintiff.

9 43. Given Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements caused Plaintiff's customer, the Wynn and Encore, to be unable to fully use their properties, thus resulting in a direct physical loss to Plaintiff.

44. The COVID-19 virus contaminates surfaces and can survive on surfaces for indeterminate amounts of time, thus rendering property unusable, and justifying, in part, Governor Sisolak's directives ordering the closure of businesses in the State of Nevada.

45. On April 29, 2020, Sisolak specifically recognized that the ability of the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 to survive on surfaces for indeterminate periods of time renders some property unusable and contributes to damage and property loss.

19 46. The physical presence of COVID-19 at Plaintiff's covered premises and/or 20 Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements triggered coverage under the 21 "Other Property Coverage" portion of the policy that provided for \$15,000,000.00 in coverage for 22 Business Income Including Rental Value with 0% coinsurance because it resulted in actual loss of 23 Business Income due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by direct physical loss of or 24 25 damage to property.

26 47. The physical presence of COVID-19 at Plaintiff's covered premises and/or 27 Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements triggered coverage under the 28

policy's "Manufacturing: Property Gard Extension Endorsement" "Business Income Form and Extra Expense" under "Other Causes of Loss" that provided for four weeks of coverage under the Civil Authority Endorsement with an extended period of indemnity for up to 180 days.

48. The physical presence of COVID-19 at the Wynn and Encore and/or Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements triggered coverage under the "Manufacturing: Property Gard Extension Endorsement" "Business Income Form and Extra Expense" under "Other Causes of Loss," that provided dependent properties coverage of up to \$250,000.00.

49. The physical presence of COVID-19 at the Wynn and Encore and/or Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements triggered coverage under the "Crisis Management Coverage Extension Endorsement" to "Other Property Coverage," that provided for \$25,000 for up to 60 days of Crisis Event Business Income after a 24-hour waiting period and up to \$25,000.00 for post event expenses.

50. The physical presence of COVID-19 at the Wynn and Encore and/or Sisolak's orders and the closures/reduced capacity requirements triggered coverage under "Other Property Coverage," that provided coverage for the actual loss of Business Income the insured sustained and necessary Extra Expenses caused by action of civil authority that prohibits access to the described premises due to direct physical loss of or damage to property.

S1. On March 17, 2020, Plaintiff timely put Defendant on notice of their claims under
 the policy.

52. On March 19, 2020, Defendant acknowledged Plaintiff's claim and indicated they
were investigating and evaluating the claim under a reservation of rights.

53. On April 23, 2020, Defendant denied Plaintiff's claim.

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| 1        | 54.  | On July 14, 2020, Plaintiff responded to Defendant's denial letter and reiterated     |  |  |
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| 2        | their request for coverage under the policy.   |   |  |  |
| 3        | 55.  | On July 23, 2020, Defendant again denied Plaintiff's claim.                           |  |  |
| 4        | 56.  | On September 1, 2020, Plaintiff responded to Defendant's denial letter and            |  |  |
| 5        | reminded Defendant of its duty of good faith and fair dealing. Plaintiff again indicated why they      |   |  |  |
| 6<br>7   | are covered under the policy, requested Defendant to outline its investigation attempts and asked      |   |  |  |
| 8        | Defendant to indicate where "direct physical loss" is defined in the policy.                           |   |  |  |
| 9        | 57.  | On September 8, 2020, Defendant again denied Plaintiff's claim.                       |  |  |
| 10       | 58.  | On October 20, 2020, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant again requesting coverage   |  |  |
| 11       | and indicating they would have no choice but to institute litigation if coverage was not provided.     |   |  |  |
| 12       | 59.  | To date, Defendant continues to deny Plaintiff's claims under the policy.             |  |  |
| 13       | <u>DECLARATORY JUDGMENT</u>  |   |  |  |
| 14       | 60.  | Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-59 of this Complaint as though fully set |  |  |
| 15       | forth herein.  | I failtin repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-57 of this complaint as though funy set  |  |  |
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| 17<br>18 | 61.  | Pursuant to Chapter 30 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and/or 28 USC 2201, the         |  |  |
| 19       | Court has the power to declare rights, status, and other legal relations whether or not further relief |   |  |  |
| 20       | is or could be   | claimed.  |  |  |
| 21       | 62.  | The controversy between Plaintiff and Defendants is ripe for judicial review.         |  |  |
| 22       | 63.  | Plaintiff seeks a Declaratory Judgment to deny Plaintiff is considered a laundromat   |  |  |
| 23       | or drycleaners as referenced in Nevada Governor Sisolak's March 17, 2020 Order and other               |   |  |  |
| 24       | COVID-19 emergency declarations.   |   |  |  |
| 25       | 64.  | Plaintiff also seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm Nevada Governor Sisolak's       |  |  |
| 26       | March 17, 2020 Order and other COVID-19 emergency declarations required Plaintiff to cease             |   |  |  |
| 27       | operations.  |   |  |  |
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65. Plaintiff also seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm Nevada Governor Sisolak's March 17, 2020 Order and other COVID-19 emergency declarations triggered the civil authority provision of the policy Defendant issued to Plaintiff.

66. Plaintiff further seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm Plaintiff suffered a direct physical loss to its covered premises because the presence of COVID-19 which is a physical substance that lives on, is active on inert substances, and is emitted into the air, and/or Nevada Governor Sisolak's March 17, 2020 Order and other COVID-19 emergency declarations, denied Plaintiff the use of and/or damaged the covered property and/or caused a necessary suspension of operation during a period of restoration.

67. Plaintiff further seeks a Declaratory Judgment to affirm they are entitled to coverage under the policy.

68. Plaintiff further seeks a Declaratory Judgment that no exclusion applies to bar Plaintiff from recovery.

## <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 1</u> BREACH OF CONTRACT BASED ON BUSINESS INCOME AND EXTRA EXPENSE

69. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-68 of this Complaint as though fully set
forth herein.

20 70. In the contract of insurance, under "Other Property Coverage" "Business Income
 21 Coverage Form (and Extra Expense)," Defendant offered to provide coverage for Plaintiff's actual
 22 loss of Business Income sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations due to direct
 23 physical loss of or damage to property at the premises.

71. Under the Business Income Coverage portion of the policy, Defendant further
offered to provide coverage for Extra Expense, which are necessary expenses incurred during the
period of restoration that the insured would not have incurred if there had been no direct physical
loss or damage to property caused by or resulting from a Covered Cause of Loss.

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72. The applicable coverage was listed under CP 00 30 10 91.

73. Defendant offered to provide for \$15,000,000.00 in coverage for Business Income Including Rental Value with 0% coinsurance for the actual loss of Business Income and Extra Expense sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by direct physical loss of or damage to property.

7 74. Plaintiff accepted Defendant's offer of insurance by purchasing the policy and gave
8 consideration by paying Plaintiff's policy premiums.

75. No exclusions apply that would bar coverage.

76. Plaintiff complied with all applicable Policy provisions, including paying premiums and providing timely notice of their claim.

77. Plaintiff is entitled to coverage for the actual loss of Business Income and Extra Expense they sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by the presence of COVID-19 at, near, or on their covered premises, which is a physical substance that lives on, is active on inert substances, and is emitted into the air.

78. Nonetheless, Defendant unjustifiably refuses to pay Plaintiff's actual loss of Business Income sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by the presence of COVID-19 at, near, or on their covered premises.

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79. Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer damages, as a result of Defendant's
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80. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's breach in an amount in
excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), including pre- and post-judgment interest and any
other costs and relief that this Court deems appropriate.

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#### <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 2</u> BREACH OF CONTRACT BASED ON BUSINESS INCOME – CIVIL AUTHORITY

81. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-80 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

82. In the contract of insurance, under "Other Property Coverage" "Business Income Coverage Form (and Extra Expense)," Defendant offered to provide coverage for Plaintiff's actual loss of Business Income and necessary Extra Expense caused by action of civil authority that prohibits access to the described premises due to direct physical loss of damage to property, other than at the described premises, caused by or resulting from any Covered Cause of Loss.

83. The applicable coverage was listed under CP 00 30 10 91.

84. Defendant provided coverage under this section for four weeks with an extended period of indemnity of 180 days.

85. Plaintiff accepted Defendant's offer of insurance by purchasing the policy and gave consideration by paying Plaintiff's policy premiums.

86. No exclusions apply that would bar coverage.

87. Plaintiff is entitled to Business Income coverage for the actual loss of Business
Income and necessary Extra Expense the sustained due to the action of civil authority that
prohibited access to the described premises due to the presence of COVID-19 at, near, or on
property, other than at the described premises.

88. Plaintiff complied with all applicable Policy provisions, including paying premiums and providing timely notice of their claim.

89. Nonetheless, Defendant unjustifiably refuses to pay Plaintiff's damages incurred as
a result of action of civil authority that prohibited access to the described premises due to direct
physical loss or damage to property, other than at the described premises, caused by the presence
of COVID-19 at, near, or on property other than at the described premises.

90. Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer damages, as a result of Defendant's breach of the policy.

91. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's breach in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), including pre- and post-judgment interest and any other costs and relief that this Court deems appropriate.

### **CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 3 BREACH OF CONTRACT BASED ON DEPENDENT PROPERTY COVERAGE**

92. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-91 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

93. In the contract of insurance, under "Other Property Coverage" "Business Income Coverage Form (and Extra Expense)," Defendant offered to provide coverage for the loss of Business Income sustained due to the necessary suspension of operations caused by the direct physical loss or damage by a Covered Cause of Loss to a dependent property. Dependent property included property owned by others who the insured depends on to accept the insured's services.

94. The applicable coverage was listed under CP 00 30 10 91.

No exclusions apply that would bar coverage.

would be considered dependent properties under the policy.

95. The policy provided for up to \$250,000.00 in coverage for dependent properties coverage.

96. Plaintiff accepted Defendant's offer of insurance by purchasing the policy and gave 20 21 consideration by paying Plaintiff's policy premiums.

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99. Plaintiff is entitled to coverage for the damages Plaintiff suffered as a result of the presence of COVID-19 at, near, or on property at the Wynn and Encore, which is a physical 27

Plaintiff depends on the Wynn and Encore to accept Plaintiff's services and they

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substance that lives on, is active on inert substances, and is emitted into the air, and the Order
closing and restricting those properties.

100. Plaintiff complied with all applicable Policy provisions, including paying premiums and providing timely notice of their claim.

101. Nonetheless, Defendant unjustifiably refuses to pay Plaintiff's damages incurred as a result of Plaintiff's loss of Business Income incurred as a result of the physical loss or damage suffered by Plaintiff's dependent properties – the Wynn and Encore.

9 102. Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer damages, as a result of Defendant's
10 breach of the policy.

103. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's breach in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), including pre- and post-judgment interest and any other costs and relief that this Court deems appropriate.

# <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 4</u> BREACH OF CONTRACT BASED ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT COVERAGE

104. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-103 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

19 105. In the contract of insurance, Defendant offered to provide coverage for the actual
 20 loss of crisis event business income the insured's sustained due to the necessary suspension of
 21 operations during the crisis event period of restoration that was caused by a covered crisis event on
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106. The applicable coverage was listed under 143623 06 05.

107. Covered crisis events included the necessary closure of the covered premises due to any sudden, accidental and unintentional contamination or impairment of the covered premises by communicable disease. Communicable disease means any disease or any related or resulting diseases, viruses, complexes, symptoms, manifestations, effects, conditions, or illnesses.

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108. The policy provided for extra expenses and \$25,000 for up to 60 days of Crisis Event Business Income after a 24-hour waiting period.

109. The policy further provided for \$25,000.00 for post event expenses.

110. Plaintiff accepted Defendant's offer of insurance by purchasing the policy and gave consideration by paying Plaintiff's policy premiums.

111. No exclusions apply that would bar coverage.

112. Plaintiff is entitled to coverage for the extra expenses incurred and damages Plaintiff suffered as a result of the presence of the communicable disease, COVID-19 at, near, or on the covered premises, which is a physical substance that lives on, is active on inert substances, and is emitted into the air, and the Order closing and restricting the property.

113. Plaintiff complied with all applicable Policy provisions, including paying premiums and providing timely notice of their claim.

114. Nonetheless, Defendant unjustifiably refuses to pay Plaintiff's damages incurred as a result of Plaintiff's loss of Business Income incurred as a result of the crisis event.

115. Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer damages, as a result of Defendant's breach of the policy.

116. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's breach in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), including pre- and post-judgment interest and any other costs and relief that this Court deems appropriate.

## <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 5</u> BREACH OF THE COVENANT OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING

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|  | 1        | 119.            | Defendants breached their duty of good faith and fair dealing to Plaintiff in               |
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|  | 2        | numerous way    | ys, including, but not limited to:  |
|  | 3        | a.              | Failing to promptly and fully investigate Plaintiff's claim under the policy;               |
|  | 4        | b.              | Failing to pay Plaintiff's insurance benefits due under the applicable policy of            |
|  | 5        |                 | insurance;  |
|  | 6<br>7   | с.              | Unreasonably delaying payments to Plaintiff under the applicable policy of                  |
|  | 8        |                 | insurance;  |
|  | 9        | d.              | Failing to enter into good faith negotiations with Plaintiff after reasonable inquiries and |
|  | 10       |                 | demands under the contract of insurance; and,   |
|  | 11       | e.              | Failing to provide specific reasons for Defendants' failure to enter into good faith        |
|  | 12       |                 | negotiations and/or failure to pay benefits to Plaintiff under the contract of insurance.   |
|  | 13       | f.              | Unreasonably denying Plaintiff's COVID-19 claims;   |
|  | 14       |                 | Unreasonably denying all COVID-19 claims; and/or  |
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|  | 16       | h.              | Unreasonably interpreting the policy to restrict and/or deny recovery to their insureds.    |
|  | 17<br>18 | 120.            | Defendants further breached their duty of good faith and fair dealing to Plaintiff by       |
|  | 19       |                 | olations of the Unfair Claims Practices Act, as described below.                            |
|  | 20       | 121.            | As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of their duty of good faith          |
|  | 21       | and fair dealin | ng owed to Plaintiff, Plaintiff incurred, and may continue to incur, special damages in     |
|  | 22       | an amount in    | excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).   |
|  | 23       | 122.            | As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of its duty of good          |
|  | 24       | faith and fair  | dealing owed to Plaintiff, Plaintiff incurred, and may continue to incur, general           |
|  | 25       | damages in ar   | amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).                                 |
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1 123. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' breach of their duty of good
2 faith and fair dealing, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur attorney's fees and court costs in
3 an amount to be proven at or after trial.

## <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 6</u> VIOLATION OF NEVADA UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT – NRS 686A.310

124. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-123 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

125. Defendants are engaged in the business of insurance in Nevada and the policy covering Plaintiff, Policy Number of S 17 MZX 80998346, was valid for claims arising out of events occurring in Nevada.

126. In its handling of Plaintiff's claim under the applicable policy of insurance, Defendants breached the Unfair Claims Practices Act as set forth in NRS 686A.310 in numerous ways, including, but not limited to:

- a. Misrepresenting to insureds or claimants pertinent facts or insurance policy provisions relating to any coverage issue when it misrepresented COVID-19 related losses were not covered under the policy;
- b. Failing to adopt and implement reasonable standards for the prompt investigation and processing of claims arising under insurance policies when it denied Plaintiff's claim without adopting or implementing reasonable standards for the prompt investigation and processing of such claims;
- c. Failing to effectuate prompt, fair and equitable settlements of claims in which liability of the insurer has become reasonably clear when it failed to settle Plaintiff's claims despite correspondence making it reasonably clear that Defendants were liable to settle Plaintiff's claims; and,

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d. Compelling insureds to institute litigation to recover amounts due under an insurance policy by denying Plaintiff's claims despite Plaintiff having made a claim for recovery.

127. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of the Unfair Claims Practices Act, Plaintiff has incurred and may continue to incur special damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

128. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of the Unfair Claims Practices Act, Plaintiff has incurred and may continue to incur general damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

129. As a further direct and proximate result of Defendants' breaches of the Unfair Claims Practices Act, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur attorney's fees and court costs in an amount to be proven at or after trial.

### <u>CAUSE OF ACTION NO. 7</u> <u>PUNITIVE DAMAGES</u>

130. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1-129 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein.

131. The conduct of Defendants has been in such wanton and total disregard of their
 contractual, common law and statutory obligations to Plaintiff, and have constituted such a gross,
 reckless, fraudulent, willful, malicious, and/or outrageous disregard for the consequences of its actions
 and/or omissions, as well as constituting such a manifest indifference to Plaintiff's welfare by
 ignoring its repeated attempts to obtain benefits so as to justify and assessment of exemplary and
 punitive damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

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WHEREFORE Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants for its First, Second, Third and Fourth Causes of action as follows:

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1. For contract damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

| 1        | 2. For attorney's fees and court costs in an amount to be proven at or after trial.                       |  |  |
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| 2        | 3. For other such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.                                  |  |  |
| 3        | WHEREFORE Plaintiff further prays for judgment against Defendants for its Fifth and                       |  |  |
| 4        | Sixth causes of action as follows:  |  |  |
| 5        | 1. For special damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).                  |  |  |
| 6        | <ol> <li>For general damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).</li> </ol> |  |  |
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| 9<br>10  | 4. For other such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.                                  |  |  |
| 11       | WHEREFORE Plaintiff further prays for Judgment against Defendants for its Seventh                         |  |  |
| 12       | Cause of Action as follows:   |  |  |
| 13       | 1. For exemplary and punitive damages in an amount in excess of Fifteen Thousand                          |  |  |
| 14       | Dollars (\$15,000.00).  |  |  |
| 15       | 2. For attorney's fees and court costs in an amount to be proven at or after trial.                       |  |  |
| 16       | 3. For other such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.                                  |  |  |
| 17       | DATED this 15 <sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.   |  |  |
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