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15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
16 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – FRESNO DIVISION

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18 STELLA O KAMALU) CASE NO. CV F 13-0627-SAB
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Plaintiff,) **STIPULATION AND ORDER RE:**
20) **SETTING A SETTLEMENT**
vs.) **CONFERENCE**
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WAL-MART STORES, INC. and DOES 1 to)
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23)
Defendant.)
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25 **TO THE HONORABLE COURT:**

26 WAL-MART STORES, INC. (“WALMART”), by and through its counsel of record,
27 Gordon & Rees LLP, and Plaintiff STELLA O. KAMALU (“KAMALU”), by and through her
28 counsel of record, Law Offices of Akudinobi & Ikonte, hereby stipulate as follows:

1 WHEREAS, the Court recently modified Scheduling Order (ECF No. 22), which
2 included continuing the Pre-Trial Conference to January 23, 2015 and continuing the Trial Date
3 to March 10, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, WALMART and KAMALU (collectively hereinafter the "PARTIES") now
5 desire to proceed with mediation in an effort to resolve any and all claims by and between them
6 within the next 91 days --

7 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED:**

8 1. The PARTIES request an Order referring this matter to the Voluntary Dispute
9 Resolution Program ("VDRP"), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. and United States District
10 Court - Eastern District of California Local Rule 271 ("L.R. 271").

11 2. Pursuant to L.R. 271, the PARTIES propose that the VDRP process be completed
12 within ninety-one (91) days of the Court issuing an Order of referral, such that the appointed
13 Neutral can file a confirmation of completion of the VDRP process within one-hundred twenty
14 (120) days of this Court issuing an Order of referral.

15 3. The PARTIES do not currently request any other modifications or additions to
16 Scheduling Order (ECF. No. 22).

17 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

18 DATED: April 7, 2014

**LAW OFFICES OF AKUDINOBI &
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19 By /s/ CHIJOKE IKONTE
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21 Attorney for Plaintiff Stella O. Kamalu
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24 DATED: April 7, 2014

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1 ORDER

2 Having reviewed and considered the foregoing Stipulation of the parties, and good cause
3 appearing therefor, WAL-MART STORES, INC.'s and Plaintiff STELLA O. KAMALU's joint
4 request to have this matter referred to the Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program pursuant to 28
5 U.S.C. § 651, et seq. and United States District Court - Eastern District of California Local Rule
6 271 is GRANTED. WAL-MART STORES, INC.'s and Plaintiff STELLA O. KAMALU must
7 complete Mediation under the Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program on or before July 25,
8 2014. The Court sets a Settlement Conference in this matter for May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
9 before Magistrate Judge Sheila K. Oberto. Confidential Settlement Conference statements are
10 due directly to chambers one week before the scheduled conference.

11 IT IS SO ORDERED.

12 Dated: April 17, 2014



13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE