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| | IT IS HERERY STIDI II ATE | ED by and be | tween the parties through their undersigned counsel, | |
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| 24 | subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the Equal Access to | | | |
| 25 | Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED | | | |
| 26 | DOLLARS and 00/100's (\$4,700.00). This amount represents compensation for all legal services | | | |
| 27 | rendered on behalf of Plaintiff by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 | | | |
| 28 | U.S.C. § 2412(d). | | | |
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After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the government will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's attorney. Pursuant to <u>Astrue v. Ratliff</u>, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), the ability to honour the assignment will depend on whether the fees and expenses are subject to any offset allowed under the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees and expenses is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset.

Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Bess M. Brewer, pursuant to the assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel.

This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA attorney fees and expenses, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action.

This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the provisions of the EAJA.

| DATE: June 23, 2011 | /s/ Francesco Benavides for Bess M. Brewer* |
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BESS M. BREWER Attorney at Law (* by email authorization on June 23, 2011) Attorney for Plaintiff

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<u>ORDER</u>

Based upon the parties' Stipulation for Award of EAJA Fees ("Stipulation"), IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA") in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS and 00/100's (\$4,700.00), as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), and subject to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation.

DATED: June 24, 2011

KENDALL J. NEWMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE