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27 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 28 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

29 RICHARD NELSON and SANDRA NELSON,)
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 31) Plaintiffs,
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 33) vs.
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 35) UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF)
 36) AMERICA; UNUM GROUP; PROVIDENT)
 37) LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE)
 38) COMPANY; and DOES 1 through 25,)
 39) inclusive,)
 40)
 41) Defendants.)

CASE NO. 2:10-cv-02222-JAM-KJM

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
 EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND
 TO THE COMPLAINT PURSUANT
 TO LOCAL RULE 144(A) AND TO
 FILE JOINT STATUS REPORT**

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the plaintiffs RICHARD NELSON and SANDRA NELSON and defendants UNUM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA; UNUM GROUP; PROVIDENT LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY, through their respective counsel of record that defendants shall have through and including March 1, 2011 to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint and the parties shall have until on or before March 15, 2011 to file a Joint Status Report.

GOOD CAUSE EXISTS for this continuance as the parties have been engaged in successful settlement discussions, which at minimum have reduced the issues in the litigation. Furthermore, the mediation with Robert Kaplan that the parties agreed to complete on December 8, 2010, was continued and will now be completed on or before March 1, 2011. The parties wish to defer all legal costs in the hopes that they can settle the issues raised herein at the mediation

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DATED: January 5, 2011 By: /s/ WILLIAM REILLY
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DATED: January 5, 2011 By: /s/ MICHAEL HORROW
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 1/5/2011 /s/ John A. Mendez
The Honorable John A. Mendez
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE