1 ANN M. CERNEY, SBN: 068748 Cerney Kreuze & Lott, LLP 2 42 N. Sutter Street, Suite 400 Stockton, California 95202 3 Telephone: (209) 948-9384 Facsimile: (209) 948-0706 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 TAMRA LENEE BROWN, Case No.: 3:14-CV-01900-EMC 11 Plaintiff, 12 STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER vs. 13 FOR THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO 14 CAROLYN W. COLVIN, JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) Acting Commissioner of Social Security, 15 16 Defendant 17 18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the parties through their undersigned 19 counsel, subject to the approval of the Court, that Plaintiff be awarded attorney fees under the 20 EAJA in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT AND TEN 21 CENT (\$4,638.10). This amount represents compensation for all legal services rendered on 22 23 behalf of Plaintiff, to date, by counsel in connection with this civil action, in accordance with 28 24 U.S.C. § 2412. 25 After the Court issues an order for EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff, the government 26 will consider the matter of Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees and expenses to Plaintiff's 27 attorney. Pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010), the ability to honor the 28 STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER FOR THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES PURSUANT TO THE EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE ACT, 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d)

1 assignment will depend on whether the fees and expenses are subject to any offset allowed under 2 the United States Department of the Treasury's Offset Program. After the order for EAJA fees 3 and expenses is entered, the government will determine whether they are subject to any offset. 4 Fees and expenses shall be made payable to Plaintiff, but if the Department of the Treasury 5 determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, then the government shall cause the 6 7 payment of fees, expenses and costs to be made directly to Ann M. Cerney, pursuant to the 8 assignment executed by Plaintiff. Any payments made shall be delivered to Plaintiff's counsel. 9 This stipulation constitutes a compromise settlement of Plaintiff's request for EAJA 10 attorney fees and expenses, and does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of 11 Defendant under the EAJA. Payment of the agreed amount shall constitute a complete release 12 13 from, and bar to, any and all claims that Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's counsel may have relating to 14 EAJA attorney fees and expenses in connection with this action. 15 This award is without prejudice to the rights of Plaintiff's counsel to seek Social Security 16 Act attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406, subject to the offset provisions of the EAJA. 17 Respectfully submitted, 18 19 Dated: November 21, 2014 /s/ Ann M. Cerney ANN M. CERNEY 20 Attorney for Plaintiff 21 22 BENJAMIN B. WAGNER United States Attorney 23 DONNA L. CALVERT Regional Chief Counsel 24 25 Date: November 21, 2014 /s/ Kevin Gregory Gill 26 (As authorized via email on 11/21/14) KEVIN GREGORY GILL 27 Special Assistant United States Attorney 28

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Pursuant to the stipulation, it is so ordered.

DATE: November 21, 2014 December 1, 2014

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