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DECLARATION OF ERICA BERRETT

STATE OF NEVADA) ss COUNTY OF CLARK)

- I, ERICA BERRETT, being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and states as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in all courts within the State of Nevada and am employed as a Senior Deputy Attorney General in the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. I have been assigned to represent Respondents in *Glenford Budd v. Renee Baker, et al.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-00613-RFB-PAL, and as such, have personal knowledge of the matters contained herein.
 - 2. This Motion is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay.
- 3. The deadline to file an answer or response to the Second Amended Petition (ECF No. 50) is April 18, 2023. I have been unable with due diligence to timely complete the answer or other response. This is Respondents' second motion for enlargement of time to respond to the Second Amended Petition.
- 4. Since Respondents' previous request for enlargement of time, I have caught up with deadlines in multiple federal habeas cases that had orders cautioning against further extensions. This included filing replies in support of motion to dismiss in *Pritchett v. Gentry*, 2:17-cv-01694-JAD-DJA, *Sprowson v. Baker*, 3:20-cv-00170-MMD-CLB, and *Randolph v. Baker*, 2:18-cv-00449-RFB-VCF; an answer to capital matter *Byford v. Reubart*, 3:11-cv-00112-JCM-CSD; and an answer in *Dixon v. Nevada*, 3:13-cv-00248-RCJ-WGC. I also filed an amended answer in capital habeas matter *Hernandez v. Gittere*, 3:09-cv-00545-LRH-WGC. In order to catch up on these assignments, I spent nearly five months without a single day off from work, working all weekends, holidays, and normal business days.
- 5. In addition to these filings, I am responsible for assigning all federal habeas cases in the Post-Conviction Division of the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. In the relatively short time since Respondents' previous request for enlargement of time, the Post-Conviction Division has lost three deputies and hired one new deputy, which has required extensive time for me to reassign the deputies' cases. I am also responsible for training the newly hired deputy. Between my administrative responsibilities and my aforementioned responsibilities in other federal habeas cases, I have not had sufficient time to complete the response in this matter.
 - 6. I contacted Petitioner's counsel regarding this request, and she does not oppose it.

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7. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request an enlargement of time of thirty-five (35) days, up to and including May 23, 2023, in which to file a response or answer to the Second Amended Petition (ECF No. 50). Executed on April 18, 2023. /s/ Erica Berrett Erica F. Berrett (Bar No. 13826) Senior Deputy Attorney General IT IS SO ORDERED: RICHARD F. BOULWARE, II UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE DATED this 19th day of April, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Response or Answer to Second Amended Petition (ECF No. 50) (Second Request) by using the CM/ECF system on the 18th day of April, 2023. The following participants in this case are registered electronic filing system users and will be served electronically: Angela H. Dows, Esq. Cory Reade Dows & Shafer 1333 North Buffalo Drive, Suite 210 Las Vegas, Nevada 89128 /s/ M. Landreth
An employee of the Office of the Attorney General