ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

This Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement") is effective on the date written below by and between Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation and an affiliate and subsidiary of Nationwide Financial Services, Inc. (collectively referred to as "Nationwide"), and Indian River County, the Plan Sponsor (hereinafter "Plan Sponsor").

WHEREAS, Plan Sponsor, pursuant to and in compliance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"), established and sponsors a Section 457(b) Plan (hereinafter the "Plan");

WHEREAS, Plan Sponsor has adopted and established for itself, its employees, and any special districts governed by the Indian River Board of County Commissioners, the Tax Collector, the Clerk of Courts, the Property Appraiser, the Supervisor of Elections and their respective employees a deferred compensation program,

WHEREAS, the Plan Sponsor desires to have Nationwide perform the non-discretionary recordkeeping and administrative services for the Plan described in this Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Services"); and

WHEREAS, Nationwide desires to provide such Administrative Services subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, Nationwide and Plan Sponsor desire to enter into this Agreement and abide by the terms therein.

1. **DESIGNATION**

Plan Sponsor designates Nationwide as Plan Sponsor's non-discretionary provider of Administrative Services for the Plan in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

2. <u>APPOINTMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

Plan Sponsor:

Plan Sponsor is responsible for maintaining the Plan and for maintaining the tax-qualified status of the Plan. Plan Sponsor represents and warrants that the Plan has been properly adopted and established in accordance with any applicable state or local laws or regulations governing the Plan Sponsor's ability to sponsor the Plan. Plan Sponsor warrants that the Plan was established, and will be maintained by Plan Sponsor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 457(b) of the Code. Plan Sponsor further acknowledges and agrees the Plan Sponsor is an eligible governmental employer as defined by Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Code.

Plan Sponsor hereby appoints Nationwide to act as the Plan Sponsor's provider of Administrative Services for the Plan. Any duties or services not specifically described herein as being provided by Nationwide are the responsibility of the Plan Sponsor, unless specifically delegated to Nationwide in the Plan document.

Nationwide:

Nationwide will serve Plan Sponsor, in a non-fiduciary capacity, as the provider of Administrative Services for the Plan Sponsor with respect to the Plan. Nationwide does not exercise any discretionary control or authority over the Plan or the assets of the Plan, and this Agreement does not require Nationwide to do so. Nationwide agrees to perform all Administrative Services for the Plan Sponsor with respect to the Plan as described in this Agreement. This Agreement does not require, nor shall this Agreement be construed as requiring, Nationwide to provide investment, legal, or tax advice to the Plan Sponsor or to the participants of the Plan.

3. <u>TERM</u>

The Agreement term shall be for an initial period of five (5) years with two (2) consecutive two (2) year renewals thereafter, commencing on August 15, 2017 and ending August 14, 2022 unless sooner terminated by one or both of the parties pursuant to Section 8 of this Agreement.

4. <u>COMPENSATION</u>

- A. Nationwide will be entitled to compensation for performance of the Administrative Services for the Plan under this Agreement. Unless otherwise specified such compensation will be in the form of payments made by Nationwide's affiliates or unaffiliated companies that are providing products and/or services under their separate arrangements, as described in the following subsection.
- B. The Plan Sponsor acknowledges that Nationwide and its affiliates receive payments in connection with the sale and servicing of investments allocated to participant Plan accounts ("Investment Option Payments"). In addition to the foregoing, the parties acknowledge and agree that Nationwide may receive revenue associated with annuity contracts, revenue from mutual fund providers, as well as fees associated with specific services or products. The Investment Option Payments include mutual fund payments, which are described in detail at www.nrsforu.com, and other payments received from investment option providers. Nationwide agrees to credit all Investment Option Payments to participant accounts on a quarterly basis. The Investment Option Payments shall be credited to participant accounts on a pro-rata basis based on each participant's total assets held in all Plan investment options that generate the Investment Option Payments.
- C. As compensation for the Administrative Services provided by Nationwide pursuant to this Agreement, Plan Sponsor and Nationwide agree that Nationwide shall be entitled to an annualized compensation requirement of 0.25% (25 basis points) of the Plan's account value held by Nationwide ("Compensation Requirement") per year to be calculated and collected according to Nationwide's standard business practices. In calculating the 25 basis points, the total Plan assets will include Plan balances held in the Self-Directed Brokerage Account and as outstanding participant loan balances. The explicit asset management charge of .25% will be taken against participant loans by applying an additional finance charge to the loan interest rate.
- D. Nationwide will provide the Plan Sponsor a quarterly report showing total participant account balances and the corresponding fee calculation within thirty (30) business days after the end of each quarter.

- E. The Plan Sponsor acknowledges that it has received all information about compensation paid to Nationwide as the Plan Sponsor has reasonably requested and has determined that the total amount of compensation paid to Nationwide as described in this Section 4 is reasonable and appropriate for the services provided.
- F. To the extent offered under the Plan, in addition to the above described fees, Nationwide shall also receive fees with respect to a participant's use of participant loan administration, the Self-Directed Brokerage Account ("SDBA"), and Nationwide's managed account service ("ProAccount") as follows:
 - 1) Loans- If requested by the Plan Sponsor and permitted under the terms of the Plan, Nationwide will assist the Plan Sponsor in processing participant loan requests pursuant to participant loan administrative procedures approved by the Plan Sponsor and Nationwide. All participant loan fees are governed by Nationwide's Plan Loan Procedures document, a copy of which has been provided to the Plan Sponsor.
 - 2) Self-Directed Brokerage Account (SDBA) The Plan offers an SDBA investment option for qualifying participants in the Plan. Initial and annual administrative fees may be charged as outlined in the separate fee agreement for the SDBA that will be provided to each participant by the SDBA provider.
 - 3) Managed account services (Nationwide ProAccount) Managed account services are offered by Nationwide Investment Advisors ("NIA"), an affiliate of Nationwide, and the Plan Sponsor must execute a separate agreement with NIA if the Plan Sponsor wants to add ProAccount to the Plan. Only participants who choose to utilize Nationwide's ProAccount managed account service are assessed fees. Such fees are authorized in a separate ProAccount agreement between the participant and NIA, and are assessed pursuant to the terms and conditions of such agreement.

Fees related to participant loans, the SDBA and Nationwide ProAccount are in addition to the Compensation Requirement for Administrative Services as provided in this Agreement.

G. Plan Sponsor may request Nationwide and/or its affiliates to provide additional services not described in this Agreement by making such a request in writing, which Nationwide may decide to perform for compensation to be negotiated by the parties prior to the commencement of the additional services.

5. <u>INVESTMENT OPTIONS</u>

Nationwide agrees to accept contributions to the Plan for investment in the investment options selected for the Plan by the Plan Sponsor or other responsible plan fiduciary in its sole discretion and agreed to by Nationwide.

Plan Sponsor agrees to accept the terms and conditions of the annuity contracts, mutual funds, and any other investment products selected for the Plan after being provided with a copy of same.

6. <u>ADMINISTRATION SERVICES</u>

A. PLAN DOCUMENTS

- 1) Nationwide will provide the Plan Sponsor with a Plan Document which has been designed to comply with the requirements of Section 457(b) of the Code. The Adoption Agreement and Plan Document will be prepared by Nationwide at the direction of the Plan Sponsor and with the understanding that it will be reviewed by the Plan Sponsor and the Plan Sponsor's tax and legal advisors prior to execution. Nationwide does not provide tax or legal advice. Plan Sponsor agrees to provide Nationwide with executed copies of the Adoption Agreement and any other related Plan documentation as requested by Nationwide.
- 2) When directed by the Plan Sponsor, or at such other times as it may determine, Nationwide will prepare and provide draft Plan amendments for review and approval by the Plan Sponsor. Such Plan amendments may include changes required to keep the Plan Document in compliance with the Code as the result of changes in federal law that affect the Plan. The Plan Sponsor will remain responsible for the accuracy and timely adoption of any Plan amendments. The Plan Sponsor is responsible for properly executing and retaining such documents and agrees to provide Nationwide with executed copies of same.
- 3) Nationwide will prepare the Adoption Agreement for review by the Plan Sponsor utilizing information and representations provided by the Plan Sponsor, which information and representations may include Plan provisions found in the prior Plan documents not prepared by Nationwide.

Plan Sponsor acknowledges that:

- a) The accuracy and completeness of the information and representations in the Adoption Agreement prepared by Nationwide, which determine the Plan's provisions used by Nationwide to administer the Plan, are the sole responsibility of the Plan Sponsor.
- b) Nationwide does not review prior Plan documents to ensure that all required amendments or restatements were properly and timely made, or that any of the prior Plan provisions are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The restatement of the Plan Sponsor's Plan onto a Nationwide Specimen Plan document (sample plan document) does not retroactively correct any Plan documentary or operational errors that may have occurred prior to the date Administrative Services are provided by Nationwide.

B. PARTICIPANT ENROLLMENT AND COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION SERVICES

Nationwide agrees to establish an account for each Plan participant, beneficiary and alternate payee (for purposes of this Agreement only, hereinafter referred to as "participants"). For each such account, Nationwide will record and maintain the following information, provided Nationwide is provided with same:

- (a) name;
- (b) Social Security number;
- (c) mailing address;
- (d) date of birth;
- (e) current investment allocation direction;
- (f) contributions allocated and invested;

- (g) investment transfers;
- (h) benefit payments;
- (i) current account balance;
- (j) transaction history since funding under the Agreement;
- (k) contributions since funding under the Agreement;
- (l) e-mail address;
- (m) beneficiary designation;
- (n) benefit tax withholding information; and
- (o) such other information as agreed upon by the Plan Sponsor and Nationwide.

Nationwide will post and credit the amounts transmitted by the Plan Sponsor to the accounts of Plan participants in accordance with the latest instructions from participants or the Plan Sponsor (as applicable) on file with Nationwide, which instructions can include direction via electronic sources such as the website or the interactive voice response system.

Nationwide agrees to process the enrollment of employees eligible to participate in the Plan as determined by the Plan Sponsor. Nationwide also agrees to conduct enrollment meetings with Plan Sponsor's employees in such number and manner as determined by the parties. The Plan Sponsor agrees to allow and facilitate the periodic distribution of materials to Plan participants at the time and in the manner determined by the Plan Sponsor; provided however, that all reasonable expenses associated with such distribution shall be paid by Nationwide. The Plan Sponsor further agrees to allow and facilitate the periodic distribution to its employees of materials prepared by Nationwide regarding products and services offered by Nationwide, or its affiliates, which Nationwide reasonably believes would be beneficial to such Plan participants.

C. PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Plan Sponsor agrees to send all Plan contributions to Nationwide on a timely basis that is in compliance with all applicable legal requirements. Nationwide agrees to post funds received as contributions to the Plan in accordance with the separate funding agreements between Plan Sponsor and Nationwide or any of its affiliates when received from the Plan Sponsor in good order by Nationwide. The term "in good order," as used in this Agreement, means the receipt of required information by Nationwide, in a form deemed reasonably acceptable to Nationwide, with respect to the processing of a request or the completion of a task by Nationwide that reasonably requires information from a third-party. More specifically, Plan contributions and contribution allocation information must meet all of the following requirements in order to be deemed to be in good order:

- 1) All records must include the correct and complete participant name, Social Security number, and the amount to be credited to the participant's account(s);
- 2) The source of funds must be identified (e.g., 457(b) salary reduction, employer contribution);
- 3) The Plan name and Plan number must be clearly identified;
- 4) Both the participant allocation detail and the total contribution amount must be received, and these two totals must match each other; and

5) All participants making or receiving a contribution must have an active account in the Plan.

Funds may be sent by wire transfer, through an automated clearinghouse or by check in accordance with written instructions provided by Nationwide. Failure to follow the written instructions provided by Nationwide may result in delay of posting to participant accounts.

All contribution allocation information with respect to participant accounts will be provided to Nationwide in a mutually agreed upon format.

If Nationwide makes a determination that the contribution or allocation detail is not in good order, Nationwide shall notify the Plan Sponsor of such determination upon discovery. After such notification, the parties will continue to try to resolve the not in good order status, but if resolution is not achieved, Nationwide shall return the funds to the Plan Sponsor within thirty (30) Business Days. Nationwide will not be liable for any delay in posting if the Plan Sponsor fails to send the funds representing contribution amounts or contribution allocation information in accordance with Nationwide's instructions to the central processing site designated by Nationwide, or for any delay in posting that results from the receipt of funds and/or contribution allocation that Nationwide determines to be not in good order.

As used in this Agreement, the term "Business Day" means each Monday through Friday during the hours the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. No transactions can be completed on any Business Day after such time as the New York Stock Exchange closes.

The Plan Sponsor shall, upon request, timely provide all information required by Nationwide to perform its services to the Plan as described in this Agreement. The Plan Sponsor shall be responsible for ensuring that the provided information is accurate and complete. Nationwide shall be entitled to rely exclusively on the information provided by the Plan Sponsor or the Plan Sponsor's advisors, whether oral (which shall be confirmed in writing), or in writing, and will have no responsibility to independently verify the accuracy of that information. The Plan Sponsor acknowledges that inaccurate and/or late information could result in tax penalties and/or participant/beneficiary legal claims. Nationwide assumes no responsibility for, and shall not have any liability for, any consequences that result from Nationwide's inability to complete its work in the ordinary course of its business due to the failure of the Plan Sponsor to provide accurate and timely information to Nationwide.

The Plan Sponsor is responsible for providing updated information regarding Plan participants requested by Nationwide that the Plan Sponsor and Nationwide mutually agree is necessary for Nationwide to perform the Administrative Services to the Plan Sponsor under this Agreement.

Plan Sponsor is responsible for all maximum deferral limit testing.

D. SERVICES WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPANT PLAN ACCOUNTS

 Nationwide will provide a secure Internet site that complies with applicable data protection and privacy laws. Using this site, participants may: (i) obtain information regarding their accounts, and (ii) conduct certain routine transactions with respect to their accounts. The Plan Sponsor authorizes Nationwide to honor instructions regarding such transactions that may be submitted by a participant using the secure Internet site. Nationwide shall implement reasonable physical and technical safeguards to protect personal information made available on its Internet site. Nationwide shall establish safeguards that are no less rigorous than generally accepted industry practices.

- 2) Participants will have the unlimited ability to increase (within the limitations of Section 457(b) of the Code) or decrease contributions to the Plan. All requests to increase or decrease contribution amounts will be processed by Nationwide within five (5) Business Days of receipt of the request, but cannot be effective until the later of (1) the first of the calendar month following the month in which the contribution change was requested, and (2) the date the contribution change can be processed by the Plan Sponsor given Plan Sponsor's payroll processing schedule.
- 3) Participants will have the ability to exchange existing account balances, in full or in part, and to redirect future contributions from one investment option offered by the Plan to another on any Business Day, subject to Nationwide policies and any applicable restrictions or penalties applied by the investment options.
- 4) Participants will receive consolidated quarterly statements detailing their account activity and account balances for the Plan. Participants shall be informed, via their statements, that they must notify Nationwide of any errors within forty-five (45) days of receipt of their statements or confirmation of their investments. Nationwide will not be liable for any errors not reported within this time frame.
- 5) Nationwide agrees to deliver account statements (by U.S. mail or electronically) to participants within thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter. This timeframe is contingent upon Nationwide receiving fund returns from the mutual fund providers within four (4) Business Days after the end of each quarter. If Nationwide does not receive this information with four (4) Business Days then account statements may be correspondingly delayed and will be delivered as soon as administratively feasible.
- 6) Nationwide agrees to provide reports to the Plan Sponsor within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar year quarterly reporting period (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31) summarizing the following:
 - a) All participant activity that transpired during the reporting period;

b) Total contributions allocated to each investment or insurance option under the Plan; and

c) Total withdrawals by participant. This report shall include the amount, type and date of withdrawal.

7) Nationwide agrees to maintain, for a reasonable amount of time, the records necessary to produce any required reports. Plan Sponsor agrees that all related paper and electronic records shall remain the property of Nationwide.

E. DISTRIBUTIONS

- 1) Nationwide shall make all distributions as directed by a Plan participant or the Plan Sponsor, in accordance with the plan document. All distributions will be made pro-rata from each of the participant's investment options and money sources unless directed otherwise by the participant. Participants are responsible for selecting a form of payment from those available under the terms of the Plan and making all other elections regarding available distribution options, such as rollover elections.
- 2) Nationwide shall furnish each participant, who has received a benefit payment, tax reporting forms in the manner and time prescribed by federal and state law. Plan Sponsor shall be responsible for all tax reporting requirements for periods prior to the effective date of this Agreement, or after the termination date of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties to this Agreement.
- 3) To the extent required by federal and state law, Nationwide will calculate and withhold from each benefit payment federal and state income taxes. Nationwide will report such withholding to the federal and state governments as required by applicable law. Plan Sponsor shall be responsible for all tax reporting requirements for periods prior to the effective date of this Agreement, or after the termination date of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties to this Agreement.
- 4) Nationwide will provide notice and a distribution form to each participant attaining age 70½ or older in the current calendar year. The notice will inform the participant that required minimum distributions must begin no later than the April 1 of the calendar year following the later of attainment of age 70½ or retirement. All required minimum distributions will be made in accordance with the plan document.
- 5) Nationwide shall administer participant and beneficiary unclaimed property funds, including but not limited to uncashed distribution checks and death claims, in accordance with Nationwide's standard unclaimed property procedures.

F. QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS (QDROS)

If the Plan accepts Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (hereinafter "QDROs"), the Plan Sponsor directs Nationwide to process QDROs in accordance with Nationwide's standard QDRO procedures, and the Plan Sponsor hereby approves the use of such standard QDRO procedures.

G. UNFORESEEABLE EMERGENCY WITHDRAWALS

If the Plan offers unforeseeable emergency withdrawals, the Plan Sponsor instructs Nationwide to process all unforeseeable emergency withdrawal requests received in good order, and in a manner satisfactory to Nationwide. Withdrawals will only be permitted due to an unforeseeable emergency resulting in a severe financial hardship to the participant or beneficiary that cannot be alleviated by any other means available to the participant, in accordance with Nationwide's standard unforeseeable emergency procedures. Plan Sponsor hereby approves the use of such standard unforeseeable emergency procedures to make these determinations.

7. <u>PARTICIPANT SERVICES</u>

A. WEBSITE

Nationwide will create and maintain a website for and on behalf of the Plan Sponsor for the use of its participants. Participants may access the website via the internet at <u>www.nrsforu.com</u> to review and make changes to their accounts. The website is the exclusive property of Nationwide.

The website is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, except for routine maintenance of the system.

B. INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM

Nationwide shall provide an interactive voice response (IVR) toll free telephone number, which shall be operative twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, except for routine maintenance of the system.

Nationwide shall provide a system that allows Participants to conduct routine plan transactions and obtain account balance information through the IVR.

The Plan Sponsor authorizes Nationwide to honor participant instructions, which may be submitted using the toll-free number, either through the IVR or a live representative.

C. CUSTOMER SERVICE

Nationwide's customer service representatives will be available toll-free to answer participant questions and process applicable transactions between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Eastern Time each Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time each Saturday, with the exception of certain holidays as dictated by the New York Stock Exchange holiday trading schedule.

8. <u>TERMINATION</u>

Either the Plan Sponsor or Nationwide may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon providing one-hundred and twenty (120) days written notice to the other party. Provision of such written notice of termination by Plan Sponsor to Nationwide does not relieve the Plan Sponsor of any termination requirements that may be associated with specific investment options, nor does it relieve Plan Sponsor of any termination requirements associated with those investment options. Plan Sponsor further acknowledges and agrees that the Plan is responsible for any investment product liquidation fees, if applicable, and that neither Nationwide nor any of its affiliates assumes liability for any such fees.

Upon the effective date of termination of this Agreement the following shall occur:

- A. Nationwide will no longer accept contributions to the Plan except by mutual agreement of the parties.
- B. Nationwide will:
 - 1) Provide Plan Sponsor, or such other entity as the Plan Sponsor may designate in writing, with a copy of all participant records in an electronic format as mutually agreed upon between Nationwide and Plan Sponsor, within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the termination.

- 2) Transfer any periodic distribution amounts and schedules, continuing loan repayments, or other ongoing participant transactional activity to the Plan Sponsor, or such other entity as the Plan Sponsor may designate in writing, in accordance with the time frame described above for the delivery of participant records.
- 3) Transfer all Plan assets under its control to the Plan Sponsor or to such other entity as the Plan Sponsor may designate in writing. Nationwide agrees to provide a final accounting of all Plan assets for which Nationwide provides recordkeeping.

If the Plan is not funded within one-hundred and eighty (180) days of the date this Agreement signed by the parties, Nationwide reserves the right to terminate the Agreement by providing written notice of the termination to Plan Sponsor.

9. <u>DEFAULT</u>

In the event either party fails to perform any or all of its obligations as defined in this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall give the defaulting party written notice, specifying the particulars of the default. If such default is not cured within sixty (60) days from the date in which notice of default is given, the non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement in accordance with Section 8 of this Agreement.

10. ASSIGNABILITY

No party to this Agreement shall assign this Agreement without the express written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Unless agreed to by the parties, no such assignment shall relieve any party to this Agreement of any duties or responsibilities herein.

11. <u>CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

Nationwide agrees to maintain all information obtained from or related to all Plan participants as confidential. The Plan Sponsor and Nationwide agree that Nationwide, its officers, employees, brokers, registered representatives, affiliates, vendors and professional advisors (such as attorneys, accountants and actuaries) may use and disclose Plan and participant information only to enable or assist it in the performance of its duties under this Agreement and with other Plan-related activities, and the Plan Sponsor expressly authorizes Nationwide to disclose Plan and participant information to its agents and/or broker of record on file with Nationwide. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, it is expressly understood that Nationwide retains the right to use any and all information in its possession in connection with its defense and/or prosecution of any litigation which may arise in connection with this Agreement, the investment arrangement funding the Plan, or the Plan; provided, however, in no event will Nationwide release any information to any person or entity except as permitted by applicable law.

This Section 11 will survive the termination for any reason of this Agreement.

12. <u>CIRCUMSTANCES EXCUSING PERFORMANCE</u>

Neither party to this Agreement shall be in default by reason of failure to perform in accordance with its terms if such failure arises out of causes beyond their reasonable control and without fault or negligence on their part. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, Acts of God or public

enemy, acts of the government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine or restrictions, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather.

Neither party shall be responsible for performing all or any portion of the services contemplated by this Agreement that are precluded by the foregoing events for such period of time as the Plan Sponsor or Nationwide are prevented from performing such services in the normal course of business. Neither Nationwide nor the Plan Sponsor shall be liable for lost profits, losses, damage or injury, including without limitation, special or consequential damages, resulting in whole or in part from the foregoing events.

"Acts of God" are defined as acts, events, happenings or occurrences due exclusively to natural causes and inevitable accident or disaster, exclusive from all human intervention.

13. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>

Nationwide agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Plan Sponsor, its officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any loss, damage or liability assessed against the Plan Sponsor or incurred by the Plan Sponsor arising out of or in connection with any claim, action, or suit brought or asserted against the Plan Sponsor alleging or involving Nationwide's non-performance of the provisions of this Agreement under Nationwide's exclusive control, or negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its services, duties and obligations under this Agreement. In addition, Nationwide represents, warrants and covenants that the indemnification in this paragraph is enforceable under applicable law and that Nationwide will not assert a position contrary to such representation in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

The Plan Sponsor agrees to the extent permitted and to the limits set forth in Section 768.28 of the Florida Statute, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Nationwide, its officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any loss, damage or liability assessed against Nationwide or incurred by Nationwide arising out of or in connection with any claim, action, or suit brought or asserted against Nationwide alleging or involving the Plan Sponsor's non-performance of the provisions of this Agreement under the Plan Sponsor's exclusive control, or negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of its duties and obligations under this Agreement. In addition, the Plan Sponsor represents, warrants and covenants to the extent permitted and to the limits set forth in Section 768.28 of the Florida Statute, that the indemnification in this paragraph is enforceable under applicable law and that Plan Sponsor will not assert a position contrary to such representation in any judicial or administrative proceeding.

14. <u>PARTIES BOUND</u>

This Agreement is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Nationwide and the Plan Sponsor. The Plan and Plan participants are not parties to this Agreement, and Nationwide has no contractual obligations to the Plan or Plan participants. This Agreement shall be enforceable only by the parties, not by Plan participants or other third parties, and is intended to create no third party beneficiaries.

15. <u>PRIVITY OF CONTRACT</u>

Plan Sponsor acknowledges and agrees that Nationwide and Plan participants shall have no privity of contract with each other.

16. <u>APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE</u>

The laws of the state in which the Plan Sponsor is located shall govern the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement without regard to choice of law or venue principles. The sole, exclusive, and mandatory venue for any disputes arising from or concerning this Agreement shall be in the state courts located in Indian River County, Florida or, if in federal court, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

17. <u>MODIFICATION</u>

This writing is intended both as the final expression of the Agreement between the parties and as a complete statement of the terms of the Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this Agreement may be amended from time to time and as mutually agreed upon by the parties. Except as otherwise provided herein, no modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless and until such modification is evidenced by a writing signed by both parties.

Notwithstanding the above, if Nationwide determines that an amendment to this Agreement is necessary that affects more than one plan sponsor and this change is communicated in writing to all affected plan sponsors, Nationwide reserves the right to implement the amendment on a prospective basis for any Plan whose plan sponsor fails to respond, within 60 days, to the request for written approval of the amendment in a timely fashion. Plan Sponsor hereby approves all such amendments unless a proper and timely response is made to Nationwide in regard to any Agreement modification communicated to Plan Sponsor.

18. <u>NO WAIVER</u>

The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of that provision or of any other provision in this Agreement and either party may, at any time, enforce the provision previously unenforced, unless a modification to this Agreement has been executed that affects the provision previously unenforced.

19. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>

Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction where performance is required shall be ineffective to the extent such provision is prohibited or unenforceable without invalidating the remaining provisions, and any such prohibition or unenforceable provision in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

20. <u>AUTHORIZED PERSONS</u>

The Plan Sponsor will furnish a list to Nationwide (and from time to time whenever there are changes therein) of the individuals authorized to transmit instruction to Nationwide concerning the Plan and/or assets in the account, and written direction regarding the form of such instructions.

21. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS</u>

Both the Plan Sponsor and Nationwide agree to comply, in their respective roles under this Agreement, in all material respects with all applicable federal laws and regulations as they affect the Plan and the administration thereof. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit

either party from performing any act or not performing any act as either may be required by statute, court decision, or other authority having jurisdiction thereof.

22. <u>SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITY</u>

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any representations and warranties contained herein shall survive termination of this Agreement for the full period of any applicable statute of limitations that may apply to this Agreement. Further, the party making any representation or warranty shall notify the other party in writing within five (5) business days of any representation or warranty that is no longer valid. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any indemnity provisions contained herein shall survive the termination of this Agreement for the full period of any applicable statute of limitations that may apply to this Agreement.

23. <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES</u>

Each party agrees that in the event of a claim, arbitration, or lawsuit filed by a party to this Agreement, each party shall be responsible for its own attorneys' fees and/or any costs or expenses related to the bringing or defense of any such claim, arbitration, or lawsuit.

24. <u>HEADINGS</u>

The headings of articles, paragraphs, and sections in this Agreement are included for convenience only and shall not be considered by either party in construing the meaning of this Agreement.

25. <u>NOTICES</u>

All notices and demands to be given under this Agreement by one party to another shall be given by certified or United States mail, addressed to the party to be notified or upon whom a demand is being made, at the addresses set forth in this Agreement or such other place as either party may, from time to time, designate in writing to the other party. Notice shall be deemed received on the earlier of three (3) Business Days from the date of mailing, or the day the notice is actually received by the party to whom the notice was sent.

If to Nationwide:

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc. 10 W. Nationwide Blvd., 05-04-101A Columbus, Ohio 43215

If to Plan Sponsor:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the _____ day of _____, 20____.

The Plan Sponsor represents and warrants they are an employer eligible to adopt a governmental plan as defined by Section 457(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (check one below):

(A) State of (including Commonwealth)	
Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Inc.	Indian River County Plan Sponsor
By:	Ву:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date: