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The Honorable Judge Kara Pettit
3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District of Utah, Salt Lake County
450 S State St
Salt Lake. City, UT 84114

RE: Case No. 250900783 - Request for Signature on Default Certificate by April 30, 2025

## Your Honor:

I respectfully submit this letter to request your urgent consideration regarding the signing of the Default Certificate in the above-referenced case. As documented in the attached filings, this matter has remained unresolved since service of process was effectuated upon the Defendant on January 29, 2025. The Defendant has neither answered nor otherwise appeared within the time prescribed by law, and a Default Certificate has been submitted for your signature.

This matter requires immediate judicial attention as the continued delay imposes substantial and irreparable religious burdens on The Black Flag, a recognized religious entity. As detailed in the accompanying ex parte memoranda, our religious doctrine establishes specific April 2025 deadlines for religious corporate activations that require the immediate resolution of this litigation. Each day of procedural delay constitutes a discrete instance of religious harm as defined in our religious texts.

The legal bases for this request are thoroughly presented in the following attached documents:

1. "Ex Parte Memorandum: First Amendment Religious Liberty Arguments" - Detailing how the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses mandate immediate judicial intervention.

- 2. "Ex Parte Memorandum: Pro Se Litigant Accommodation Arguments" Addressing the Supreme Court's requirement that pro se religious liberty claims receive heightened accommodation.
- 3. "Ex Parte Memorandum: Religious Freedom Restoration Act Arguments" Explaining how both federal RFRA and Utah's SB150 prohibit these substantial burdens on religious exercise.

Given the time-sensitive nature of our religious obligations and the irreparable harm being suffered with each day of delay, I respectfully request that the Default Certificate be signed no later than the end of business on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

I am available for an emergency hearing on this matter at Your Honor's earliest convenience, either in person or via WebEx, at any time for the remainder of this week.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent religious liberty matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Brandon Michael Jeanpierre Brandon Michael Jeanpierre Chairperson, The Black Flag Pro Se Plaintiff

## **Enclosures:**

- Default Certificate
- Motion for Default Judgment
- Ex Parte Memorandum: First Amendment Religious Liberty Arguments
- Ex Parte Memorandum: Pro Se Litigant Accommodation Arguments
- Ex Parte Memorandum: Religious Freedom Restoration Act Arguments
- Exhibit A6: Certified Mail Receipts Service of Process