BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE

To: Thedis Crowe

No. COPP-2022-ONC-003

WHEREAS, the above named candidate, Thedis Crowe, filed as a candidate for election to HD 15 with Montana's Secretary of State's office on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Thedis Crowe filed a C-1A Statement of Candidate as a candidate for election to House District 15 in Glacier County with the COPP on March 15, 2022 using the CERS electronic reporting system; and

WHEREAS, As a 2022 state district candidate, candidate Crowe was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before April 20, 2022, covering all contribution and expenditure activity for the period of March 16, 2022 through April 15, 2022. Candidate Crowe was also required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before May 20, 2022, covering all contribution

and expenditure activity for the period of April 16, 2022 through May 14, 2022¹; and

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists sent an email reminding candidates who had not yet filed the required April 20 C-5 campaign finance report of their requirement to do so. On May 25, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists emailed candidate Crowe to notify the campaign that it had yet to file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This email message goes on to state that:

By filing a Statement of Candidate with this Office certifying your candidacy for election to a state district office, your campaign was required to file a C-5 campaign finance report on or before that April 20 date. COPP records indicate you have not yet filed this required financial report.

You will need to log into the CERS system and file the required April 20, 2022 C-5 campaign finance report. This required report must be filed by 8:00 AM Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Failure to file by that date may result in an Order of Noncompliance being issued by Commissioner Mangan.

This message also contained a reminder about the required C-5 campaign finance report due on or before May 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists sent an email reminding candidates, including candidate Crowe, who had not yet filed the required May 20 C-5 campaign finance report of their requirement to do so;

WHEREAS, despite public reporting calendars, COPP website and social media updates, instruction and guidance provided to Candidates by COPP staff:

¹ See all candidate reporting calendars at https://politicalpractices.mt.gov/Home/Reporting-Calendars

- Candidate Crowe did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before April 20, 2021;
- Candidate Crowe did not respond to COPP staff requests to file required reports on or before May 20, 2021.
- As of the start of the business day (8:00 AM) June 9, 2022,
 candidate Crowe had not filed the required April or May, 2022, C-5
 campaign finance reports.

A copy of the candidate's Statement of Candidate is attached.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to §13-37-121, MCA, that is declared to be in NONCOMPLIANCE with the provisions of sections § 13-37-225, MCA and ARM 44.11.302; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a County Attorney or the Commissioner may, on failure by to submit appropriate campaign finance reports within 5 days after receiving this Order of Noncompliance, may initiate a civil action pursuant to sections §13-37-124 and §13-37-128, MCA; and

FURTHER, if is aggrieved by the issuance of this Order of Noncompliance, he may seek judicial review in District Court pursuant to section §13-37-122, MCA.

DATED this <u>l</u>day of June 2022.

Jeffrey A Mangan

Commissioner of Political Practices

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Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

Candidate Information

Candidate Full Name: Crowe, Thedis B

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2114 Browning, MT 59417

Physical Address: 165 Berthelson Trail Heart Butte, MT 59448

Home Phone: (406) 338-3066 Alternate Phone: (406) 845-4195

Campaign Email Address: Thedisb@gmail.com

Election Year: 2022

Candidate Type: State District
Office Sought: House District No. 15

Resident County: Glacier
Political Party: Democratic
Current Status: Active
Date Filed: 03/15/2022

Amended Date:

D1 Received Date: 03/21/2022

C118 Received Date: Reporting Status:

Bank Full Name: First Interstate Bank

Bank Address: P.O. Box 2000 Cut Bank, MT 59427

Campaign Treasurer Information

Treasurer Full Name: Crowe, Thedis

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2114 Browning, MT 59417

Physical Address: 165 Berthelson Trail Heart Butte, MT 59448

Home Phone: (406) 338-3066

Alternate Phone:

Home or Personal Email Address: Thedisb@gmail.com

Deputy Treasurer Information