BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Jeffrey A. Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

ORDER OF NONCOMPLIANCE

To: Rynalea Whiteman-Pena

No. COPP-2022-ONC-006

WHEREAS, the above named candidate, Rynalea Whiteman-Pena filed as a candidate for election to HD 41 with Montana's Secretary of State's office on March 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Rynalea Whiteman-Pena filed a C-1A Statement of Candidate as a candidate for election to House District 41 in Big Horn County with the COPP on March 21, 2022 using the CERS electronic reporting system; and

WHEREAS, As a 2022 state district candidate, candidate Whiteman-Pena 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 Whiteman-Pena 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, 2022; 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. This email message included instructions on accessing the CERS system and using it to file a C-5 campaign finance report; and

WHEREAS, On May 24, 2022, COPP Compliance Specialists sent an email reminding candidates, including candidate Whiteman-Pena, 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:

- Candidate Whiteman-Pena did not file a C-5 campaign financial report on or before April 20, 2021;
- Candidate Whiteman-Pena 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 Whiteman-Pena 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.

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

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 _____day of June 2022.

Jeffrey A Mangari

Commissioner of Political Practices

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Statement of Candidate (C1 or C1-A)

Candidate Information

Candidate Full Name: Whiteman, Rynalea

Mailing Address: PO Box 655 Lame Deer, MT 59043
Physical Address: 151 Two Moons Lame Deer, MT 59043

Home Phone: (406) 477-8713

Alternate Phone:

Campaign Email Address: pena_rynalea@yahoo.com

Election Year: 2022

Candidate Type: State District
Office Sought: House District No. 41

Resident County: Big Horn
Political Party: Democratic
Current Status: Active
Date Filed: 03/21/2022

Amended Date:

D1 Received Date: 03/08/2022

C118 Received Date: Reporting Status:

Bank Full Name: First Interstate Bank

Bank Address: 502 Cheyenne Avenue Lame Deer, MT 59043

Campaign Treasurer Information

Treasurer Full Name: Whiteman, Rynalea

Mailing Address: PO Box 655 Lame Deer, MT 59043

Physical Address: 151 Two Moons Road Lame Deer, MT

Home Phone: (406) 477-8713

Alternate Phone:

Home or Personal Email Address: pena rynalea@yahoo.com

Deputy Treasurer Information

