

DIRECT PARTY STATEMENT OF STACEY A. MAY

1. The Claimant, Stacey A. May, is the author of “Fresh & Foraged Foods for Land Hermit Crabs” (the “Work”), having written and published the text in its original pocket guide format under a pseudonym using her legal business name (DBA Creative Solutions) and artist moniker (RipdNTorn), “Creative Solutions :: RipdNTorn” on July 15, 2021. The Claimant holds the worldwide copyright, as well as exclusive rights of authorization and distribution as recognized and outlined by the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (1886). The “Work” was additionally registered with the United States Copyright Office on January 12, 2025 as required for this proceeding (Registration record TX 9-465-421). The first pocket guide version of the “Work” was pre-ordered on July 8, 2021, began shipping on July 21, 2021, and the first public review was posted on July 27, 2021, all through the online sales platform, Etsy. (*EXHIBITS A, CA, F*)
2. RipdNTorn® is the artist’s name as well as the brand name that has been used for the Claimant’s artistic and online creative endeavors since 2007. The RipdNTorn Etsy shop, ripdntorn.etsy.com, was opened in 2009. Shops held with third-party producers of her artwork also fly the RipdNTorn® banner (e.g. Zazzle, FineArtAmerica, Spoonflower). (*EXHIBIT C*)
3. In her client-based business, known simply by the name, Creative Solutions, the Claimant has printed and published spiral-bound manuals in-house for clients since 2012. That same expertise and equipment is used to publish the original spiral-bound “pocket guide” format of the “Work”, beginning July 15, 2021. (*EXHIBIT G*)
4. My Hungry Hermit® is the separate informal business identity that was created in anticipation of the publication of the “Work.” The entire business model is centered around the “Work”. The domain name, myhungryhermit.com, was purchased on March 30, 2021. The Etsy shop name, [MyHungryHermit.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/MyHungryHermit), was reserved and created on April 3, 2021 to specifically handle the eventual distribution of the “Work” as well as to eventually offer a few other hermit crab-related products. The logos and branding for My Hungry Hermit® were created on June 29, 2021 and

My Hungry Hermit® has been a registered trademark since August 10, 2021. The My Hungry Hermit® Business Facebook page was published on July 5, 2021. (*EXHIBITS H, I, J, K*)

5. In preparation for her first independent publishing project, the Claimant purchased a block of ISBN numbers on July 4, 2021. (*EXHIBITS L, M*)
6. To address challenges associated with international shipping, the original pocket guide edition of the “Work” was reformatted for printing by Kindle Direct Publishing, Amazon’s on-demand print service. The “Work” in its larger “full color paperback”, “economy black & white paperback”, and “full color hardcover” editions became publicly available on-demand worldwide on the Amazon platform on September 29, 2021, with copies also available through the My Hungry Hermit® Etsy shop shortly thereafter. (*EXHIBIT B*)
7. The Land Hermit Crab Owners Society (LHCOS) is a non-profit organization whose history stems from a Yahoo! group created on August 8, 1999. The Crab Street Journal was created in 2001 as a companion site to the organization and still hosts a variety of articles on care topics created by many authors over the years. Stacy Griffith (now Wodicker, with a marriage in October 2025) is the current President of LHCOS and current owner of the Crab Street Journal website¹. The Claimant has been a member of the LHCOS Facebook group² since January 3, 2019.
8. Formal permission to use a long-time, pre-existing listing of “safe” and “unsafe” items for land hermit crabs as foundational material to be expanded upon within the “Work” was sought from the President of the LHCOS, Stacy Griffith, on February 11, 2021 and granted a day later. (*EXHIBIT N*) “Safe or Unsafe Foraged Foods for Hermit Crabs-printable” is the file name when downloaded for personal use from the LHCOS/Crab Street Journal Google Drive³.
9. The request for permission to use the LHCOS lists was the Claimant’s first communication with Stacy Griffith, during which she also discovered that Stacy Griffith had begun working on a

1 <https://lhcos.org/board-of-directors/> and <https://crabstreetjournal.org/>, respectively.

2 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/landhermitcrabowners>

3 <https://docs.google.com/document/d/113toruv4u7NJxPYdM8-xVXZ7W4duiC54EvKqrh33-pY/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.112tjjolu0pq>, linked publicly from <https://crabstreetjournal.org/blog/hermit-crab-food-guide/>

spreadsheet format for the LHCOS food lists with the intention to later use it for a database - a project to which the Claimant agreed to contribute to while researching the contents of the “Work”. The unpublished contents of the Excel spreadsheet, “Safe Unsafe Flora.xls”, was shared with the Claimant by Stacy Griffith for use in the “Work”. **(EXHIBIT O)**

10. The “safe” and “unsafe” food list available from LHCOS is relatively simple: “Apple (no seeds)”, meaning “the fruit of the apple is safe, but don’t offer the seeds.” The “Work” attempts to look at most items as though they are the entire plant. In the case of an apple’s safety: does that include the tree, the bark, the wood, the leaf, the blossom, and the stem? More common plants and their parts that are “safe” were published in the “Foods Generally Accepted As Safe (for hermit crabs)” portion of the “Work”, while parts or plants that should be considered more carefully before use and may be unknown, unpopular, or regarded as “unsafe” were published in “The Unsafe, Unpopular, & Unknown (for hermit crabs)” chapter. No other publication regarding foods used for land hermit crabs - “safe” or “unsafe” - in print or on the web, is written or formatted in the same manner and context or with the broad use of botanical nomenclature throughout. **(EXHIBITS D, P, AL, AM, AP, AT, AU-Figure 3)**

11. When the first rough draft of the “Work” was completed, it was printed and sent to three of its four Contributing Editors via the U.S. Postal Service - and hand delivered to the fourth, Stacy Griffith. Though an eBook format was originally intended, there has yet to be a digital format of the book made available to any individual and it has only ever been submitted by the Claimant electronically to Kindle Direct Publishing, the U.S. Copyright Office, and B&N Press (Barnes & Nobles’ on-demand print service, 2025). **(EXHIBITS Q, R)**

12. The “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center” did not exist when the Claimant created the “Work” in 2021 and May 2022 was the earliest that the online identity uploaded any content. **(EXHIBITS U, V, W, X)**

13. Despite recent statements to the contrary, Jessica Valderrama had never owned a hermit crab - the species for whom the “Work” was written - until right before the “Work” was published in July 2021. **(EXHIBITS S, S-2 Figure 1, Y, Z)**

14. Jessica Valderrama had access to a copy of the black & white economy paperback edition of the “Work” as is available through Amazon.com and printed by Kindle Direct Publishing by October 22, 2022, as shown on the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center TikTok page and shared to Facebook. (*EXHIBIT T*)
15. By 2023, Jessica Valderrama had begun volunteering with the LHCOS Facebook Group in the capacity of a group moderator, was a moderator/admin in another group on Facebook called “The Crabby Hermit (Hermit Crab Care and Education) “TM” (*EXHIBIT S-2 - Figures 2 & 3*), and began uploading videos to a YouTube channel renamed “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center” — despite the existence of a Crab Street Journal YouTube channel and a LHCOS endorsed YouTube channel, “Crab Central Station.” (*EXHIBITS U, BT*)
16. At no time, past or present, has the Claimant had a conversation with Jessica Valderrama outside of passing comments within the LHCOS or “The Crabby Hermit...” Facebook care group settings.
17. Jessica Valderrama opened a for-profit shop in March 2024, also called “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center”, through a free BigCartel shopping site. (*EXHIBITS W, X*) and in May of 2024, the landhermitcrabeducenter.com and land-hermit-crab-edu-center.com domain names were purchased. (*EXHIBIT AA*)
18. The reproduction of the underlying foundational “safe and unsafe list” material from LHCOS (“Safe or Unsafe Foraged Foods for Hermit Crabs-printable”) (*EXHIBIT AU*) and a near-exact reproduction of the majority of the “Work’s” “The Unsafe, Unpopular, & Unknown (for hermit crabs)” chapter (*EXHIBITS AN, AO, AS*) were uploaded to the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page of the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center website as “Safe Food List Pdf” and “Not Safe List Pdf” respectively. The PDFs could be downloaded and saved which were tabulated in a counter on the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page. (*EXHIBITS AB, AC*)
19. The PDFs were also featured within an iframe in separate “blog” pages, “HERMIT CRAB NUTRITION (SAFE LIST)” and “NOT SAFE LIST & UNKNOWN”, “Safe Food List Pdf” and “Not Safe List Pdf” respectively. (*EXHIBIT AD*) The PDF documents could be printed or downloaded

from the iframed locations as well as saved to a Google Drive and had no download counter. Any individual browsing the site after landing on it from September 2024 to the date of the website suspension could potentially have downloaded, printed, and/or saved the documents to their devices or Google Drive. The PDFs are still available on a Google Drive, as well as from the web host's server site (provided the URL is known) as of the writing of this Statement. (**EXHIBIT AD, Figures 4 & 5**) Evidence of the iframed web page formation is presented from the pages saved from what remained of the landhermitcrabeducenter.com website on January 12, 2025 as demonstrated in **EXHIBIT AD** and in **EXHIBIT WS-4, Evidence page 185**. That the same page formation with the "Not Safe Pdf" shown in an iframe existed for the "NOT SAFE LIST & UNKNOWN" webpage is from the sworn testimony of the Claimant as presented in **EXHIBIT WS-2** as well as recorded in **EXHIBIT BA-2**.

20. In September 2024, following the publication of the plagiarized documents, Jessica Valderrama began driving traffic from "The Crabby Hermit..." Facebook group, a group comprised of over 16,000 members, as well as from inside other husbandry/care groups on Facebook to her websites using the "lists" as click bait. (**EXHIBITS AE, AF, AG, AK**) Other hermit crab-related business pages shared links to the pages indicating an assumption of authenticity. (**EXHIBIT AJ**)
21. On December 27, 2024, the same "Safe Food List Pdf" and "Not Safe List Pdf" files that had been uploaded to the websites with the same "Land Hermit Crab Edu Center" identifiers were uploaded to "The Crabby Hermit..." Facebook group's Files by Jessica Valderrama. (**EXHIBIT AV**)
22. A derivative of the "Work's" Appendix A ("Moss Varieties") and Appendix B ("Lichen Varieties") was uploaded to the Files as "Moss.pdf". Documents derivative of works created by Stacy Griffith or owned by the Crab Street Journal [also present in the iframed contents of the page "HERMIT CRAB NUTRITION (SAFE LIST)"] were also uploaded. (**EXHIBIT AW, AD - Evidence page 48**)
23. The contextual wording used in "Moss.pdf" appears to be primarily AI-generated and is inaccurate at times when not derivative in nature. Separate sheets within the "Safe Unsafe Flora.xls" Excel spreadsheet provided by Stacy Griffith to the Claimant for use in the "Work" held listings of moss

and lichen species. The contents of those sheets became the basis for “Appendix A: Moss Varieties” and “Appendix B: Lichen Varieties”, attributed to Stacy Griffith, in the “Work”. Nowhere else is the moss and lichen information as published in the “Work” available to the general public in that same format and it cannot be retrieved in that same format from the LHCOS/Crab Street Journal database⁴ that was formally launched in 2022. Additionally, the Claimant alphabetized the moss names with “Common” following a comma in Appendix A, added distinctions regarding “Iceland Moss” and “Oak Moss” in both Appendix A and B, and added “genus” wording to the lichen items published as Appendix B. These alterations to the data are not replicated in the database or its foundational spreadsheet, further proving the text used in “Moss.pdf” by Jessica Valderrama was collected from the “Work” as written by the Claimant. (*EXHIBITS AW, AX, AY*)

24. A comparison of the LHCOS/Crab Street Journal food list document (“Safe or Unsafe Foraged Foods for Hermit Crabs-printable”) and the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center reproduction (Safe List Pdf) shows that it is the near identical result of a copy & paste scenario, including the use of the same font, the same uncommon font size, and the same custom font color. When compared to the “Work”, one can see the undertones of its LHCOS list foundation. (*EXHIBITS AU*)

25. Differences, aside from the initial introductory text (*EXHIBITS AO, AQ*), between the “Not Safe List Pdf” and the “Work”, for the most part, appear to be the result improper translation by some sort of Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Image to Text application and a failure to proofread the resulting translations. The “Not Safe List Pdf” replicated contents begin alphabetically at “Alder”, while the “Work” begins at “Acer rubrum”. The “Aloe Vera (Aloe barbadensis)” entry is missing in the “Not Safe List Pdf” document but the entry “Aloe Vera (Asphodelaceae) Offer in moderation” was added to the “Safe Food List Pdf” (effectively declaring an entire botanical family of roughly 40 genera and 800+ known species as “safe”). Additional words and a highlight were added to the “Peppermint” and “Pine” line items. (*EXHIBIT AR, EXHIBIT AU - Figure 1*)

26. The “Not Safe List Pdf” is essentially the heart of pages 57-74 of the “Work”, the “Moss.pdf” is

4 First here until mid-2025: <https://crabstreetjournal.org/blog/hermit-crab-food-guide/> and now here: <https://crabstreetjournal.org/safe-foods-for-hermit-crabs-searchable-list-database/>

substantially similar to pages 79-83, and the foundational reference material copied from LHCOS/ Crab Street Journal into the “Safe Food List Pdf” is represented within pages 5 - 28 of the “Work” and in some portions of the pages that follow, up to page 43. The “Work”, in the formats as printed by Kindle Direct Publishing, is 92 pages long, not counting the front matter or “References and Works Consulted”. (*EXHIBIT AT*)

27. On January 7, 2025, the Claimant was alerted to the fact that the “Work” had been plagiarized and that documents were available for download via a Land Hermit Crab Edu Center website. (*EXHIBIT AZ*) The preceding chronological timeline with regard to Jessica Valderrama and the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center’s activities was determined during the months spent investigating after this discovery.
28. The Claimant took immediate action on January 7, 2025, and submitted the first of three DCMA Cease & Desist notices to the Host of the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center website, landhermitcrabeducenter.com, OpenProvider. (*EXHIBIT BA*)
29. By January 10, 2025, some of the site’s pages were missing, but the documents remained available for download through the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page of the site. The Claimant contacted Stacy Griffith to alert her of the situation and to request additional assistance in filing a DCMA Cease & Desist notice as some of the documents remaining were copies of Crab Street Journal property and/or parts of Stacy Griffith’s own book, “The Complete Guide to Land Hermit Crabs and Their Care: Changing the Mindset of Hermit Crab Keeping”, published in December of 2021. (*EXHIBITS BA-2, WS-2 - Evidence page 172, BQ, WS-4 - Evidence pages 180, 183-187*)
30. Also on January 10, 2025, the longest serving admin and perceived owner of The Crabby Hermit (Hermit Crab Care and Education) “TM” Facebook group, Jeanne Singhass, was contacted to request the removal of the documents in the group’s files, a discovery made while awaiting for the DCMA Cease & Desist notices to take effect. The files were not removed voluntarily as promised during that conversation until shortly after reports were submitted to Facebook for Intellectual Property Theft later that evening. (*EXHIBITS BE, BG*)

31. On January 11, 2025, Stacy Griffith issued a “Public Statement on Intellectual Property Infringement” via the Crab Street Journal website and shared the link to the statement on the Crab Street Journal Facebook page as well as on her personal Facebook page. A “share” of that link made its way into yet another hermit crab Facebook group where Jessica Valderrama was publicly named as the individual who had committed the plagiarism. Jessica Valderrama denied any acts of plagiarism. The post was subsequently deleted. (*EXHIBIT BH*)
32. After that post, the number of downloads calculated on the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page of the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center’s website rose. (*EXHIBIT WS-2 - Evidence pages 173-174*)
33. On January 12, 2025, the Claimant submitted the “Work” to the US Copyright Office for formal copyright registration and began writing down some of the details from the days preceding in a document she would later send on January 21, 2025, to a Creative Solutions client who practices Criminal Law. (*EXHIBIT WS-2*)
34. Shortly after 10pm on the evening of January 12, 2025, the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page and the rest of the landhermitcrabeducenter.com site were no longer viewable on the World Wide Web. (*EXHIBIT BD*) The last count noted for the “Not Safe List Pdf” downloads as tabulated on the landhermitcrabeducenter.com site was 28. The “Safe List Pdf” downloads were 76. (*EXHIBIT BC*)
35. On January 29, 2025, an additional, duplicate or mirrored site, land-hermit-crab-edu-center.com that had previously been overlooked was discovered. It had reduced functionality, similar to what the landhermitcrabeducenter.com site had on its last day, but the downloadable files could be accessed by manipulating the URL from the previous landhermitcrabeducenter pages to land-hermit-crab-edu-center. After a single DCMA Cease & Desist notice to delete the “Not Safe List Pdf” file off of the server, the site was unpublished. (*EXHIBIT BB, BB-2*)
36. On February 6, a second conversation was held with “The Crabby Hermit ...” Facebook group Admin, Jeanne Singhass, to ascertain whether additional acts that had occurred up to that point were Group sponsored or the independent efforts of Jessica Valderrama. (*EXHIBIT BF*)
37. On February 11, 2025, in the absence of a public apology, a persistence in copying behavior, and a

month long back-and-forth exchange on Facebook between Stacy Griffith/The Crab Street Journal and Jessica Valderrama and her supporters, a single post regarding the allegations of plagiarism and how they related to the “Work” as well was published on the My Hungry Hermit® Facebook page. The post directed readers to a web page dedicated to the allegations as well as an issuance of a Public Cease and Desist that could not be hidden by social media blocking tactics. (*EXHIBIT WS-3, WS-4*)

38. On February 14, 2025, the personal and business profiles of the Claimant were blocked - making additional evidence collection for this claim more cumbersome, but not impossible. As difficult as deceptions are to uncover, they are even harder to keep hidden.
39. By February 17, 2025, the public Facebook business page “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center” (formerly <https://www.facebook.com/Landhermitcrabeducenter/>) had been deleted or unpublished (and with it any and all incriminating posts made by that entity) and a new “personal” page with the name “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center”⁵ and a private group “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center”⁶ were formed, citing as a focus: “handmade safe enrichment items and treats designed to bring joy and comfort to land hermit crabs and reptiles.” The group’s name was changed on March 29, 2025 to “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center (The Crabby Hermit Care and Education)” with an added descriptor phrase of “Our team’s main goal is to help and educate proper care so your crabs can thrive” — indicating that it may at some point in the future evolve from a sales based group into another husbandry care group - where files may at some point in the future be disseminated to its members. (*EXHIBIT BI*)
40. The use of deception and others’ works appears to be the foundation upon which the business identity Land Hermit Crab Edu Center has been built and observed behavior since the events of January and February 2025 indicates that there has been little deviation from that path. In fact, the sheer volume of instances where others’ intellectual property has been infringed upon for profit or prestige before and after the events of January 2025 by Jessica Valderrama on social media has been overwhelming and has done little to assuage the suspicion that it is only a matter of time - likely

5 <https://www.facebook.com/land.hermit.crab.edu.center.2025/>

6 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2294148117633980>

dependent on the outcome of this proceeding - before the copyright of the Claimant is again infringed upon. (*EXHIBITS BJ, BR, BS, BT BW, BX*)

41. Jessica Valderrama is aware of this Claim and its proceedings as demonstrated by the acceptance of the two formal Service documents intended for “Jessica Valderrama” and “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center” delivered on June 18, 2025 as well as the return of the Opt-Out Form after its deadline as documented and recorded by the Copyright Claims Board. The email used in addition to paper mailings was as published on the <http://landhermitcrabeducenter.company.site> retail site before it was deleted and is as currently displayed on the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center’s YouTube banner. (*EXHIBITS BK- Figure 3, BU*)

42. It is unknown whether “Land Hermit Crab Edu Center” is a legal entity, though no formal business documentation surrounding the name has been discovered since the origination of this Claim. No document exists with the Secretary of State. Repeated emails to New Jersey’s Department of Agriculture (licensing to sell pet food), Department of Revenue (sales tax registration), and Essex County Clerk’s Office (DBA registration) beginning in July 2025, went unanswered. However, on November 12, 2025, an email sent from the Essex County Clerk’s Office was received, stating “We have nothing under either names.” (*EXHIBIT BN*)

Damages.

43. Jessica Valderrama has benefitted by the lack of participation in this entire process as well as a continued lack of accountability outside of this process. Without Discovery and the power of subpoenas, it is difficult to prove how her profits likely increased by sending group members from multiple husbandry groups to the Land Hermit Crab Edu Center’s business shop sites with links to plagiarized care information. All of the storefronts that existed before the discovery of the plagiarism no longer exist - though, when they did, they did not record sales publicly.

44. The theft of the Claimant’s “Work” was used in combination with additional content lifted from others across multiple platforms to bolster an online persona of perceived expertise for profit and prestige. Why Jessica Valderrama chose to copy the “safe” items from the LHCOS publication and

the contents of her “Not Safe List Pdf” from the “Work” instead of both topics from either one or the other is unknown. That combination, however, with the addition of her “Moss.pdf”, also happens to be at the heart of the “Work”.

45. Any monies recovered will never adequately cover the intangibles related to the theft of intellectual property and effects of the audacity of another to unapologetically claim one’s work as their own. The time involved in the completion of this Claims proceeding far exceeded the upper limit of the Small Claims arena long ago.
46. At this time, the Claimant requests the maximum amount of statutory damages as deemed fit by the Copyright Claims Board and as allowed in this Small Claims venue, to include an amount equivalent to all fees incurred: \$100 to file the Claim and \$75 each to provide Service to Jessica Valderrama and Land Hermit Crab Edu Center (\$150) as documented in the eCCB.
47. Despite the dissemination of links to the iframed blog pages where the PDF of the information plagiarized from the “Work” could be downloaded, saved, and printed without a counter to a group of over 16,000 members (*EXHIBIT BO*), other groups and pages on Facebook (whose audiences comprise the target market of the “Work”), and the availability to the entire World Wide Web — without the benefit of a Discovery process or subpoena, only the publicly tabulated numbers of Downloads on the “PRINTABLE GUIDES” page of landhermitcrabeducenter.com (76 downloads of the plagiarized foundational materials and 28 downloads of the reproduction of the “Work’s” chapter “ The Unsafe, Unpopular, and Unknown (for hermit crabs)”) can be verified. Only one member in “The Crabby Hermit...” group commented on a post indicating the download of the “Not Safe List Pdf” file from the group, though there were at least 4 other unique reactions to the post. (*EXHIBIT BC*) Any other downloads from inside the group’s Files were not tabulated on a public counter. The unweighted median price of “the Work” across all four formats is \$18.70. In fairness, the higher cost hardcover book is not often purchased making the unweighted median price of the other 3 editions \$15.95/book. ($\$15.95 * 28 = \446.60). (*EXHIBITS A, B*)

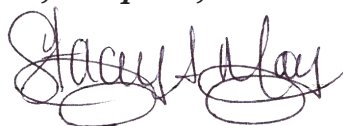
48. A substantial amount of time that would otherwise have been spent on the completion of a second
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edition or other projects has been lost in the past year while gathering evidence, compiling paperwork, and awaiting the completion of this Claim. Part of what the Claimant does for clients on occasion through her business, Creative Solutions, is research, typesetting/layout, and content writing, not unlike the tasks performed in the completion of this Claim, at the current hourly rate of \$50/hour. **(EXHIBIT BZ)** A minimum of 125 hours alone has been spent on the creation of this Direct Party Statement document, the associated Witness Statement document, and the compiling raw data into the Evidence List. The amount of time lost from January 7, 2025 through January 4, 2026 (when the aforementioned documents were started) is considerably higher. While pro se work is rarely recovered, the significance in the amount of time spent on this project instead of the Claimant's own creative business endeavors merits a mention if not consideration. A defaulting party should not benefit in all ways but one through their non-participation in this process, but, if they do, that one way should be heavily weighted as a deterrent against future misconduct.

49. If the digital formats of the documents mentioned in this Claim become required for Public viewing via the eCCB, the Claimant reserves the right to reassess and amend the actual damages to the maximum amount allowed in the Small Claims venue.

50. Based on the observed history of a certain segment of the social media-based "hermit crab community," it is expected that the Claimant will lose future sales and customers for defending the "Work's" copyright when the filing of this Claim becomes known. **(EXHIBIT BM)** It is unknown how badly its filing will harm the brand name, My Hungry Hermit®, the entire business venture that is built upon the "Work", or the future sales of the "Work" and its successors. However, public notification of the Determination made in this Claim, in the absence of an online community requiring accountability, appears to be the only deterrent that may prevent the Claimant from having to repeat this process again in the future.

***I, Stacey A. May, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is accurate, complete, and truthful to the best of my knowledge.
Signed: February 15, 2026.***

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stacey A. May". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name and date.