## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re:

INTERNATIONAL TREATY BANK, WALTER CHARLIE PRESSLEY a/k/a CHIEF GEES-DUE OO-NEH-GAH USTI,

## ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST

The Department of Banking and Finance of the State of Georgia ("Department") is authorized to issue an Order to Cease and Desist to any person or corporation conducting business as a bank or other financial institution "without authority" under Chapter 1 of Title 7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. O.C.G.A. §7-1-5; see §§ 7-1-91(d), §7-1-241(c), and §7-1-243

International Treaty Bank<sup>1</sup> and Walter Charlie Pressley a/k/a Chief Gees-Due OO-Neh-Gah Usti, according to documentation obtained by the Department, are representing themselves to be a bank located at 705 Brucken Strasse, Helen, Georgia 30547. The Department has no record of International Treaty Bank and has not approved this entity or Walter Charlie Pressley a/k/a Chief Gees-Due OO-Neh-Gah Usti to organize a bank and/or conduct a banking business in Georgia. Furthermore, Department has not granted International Treaty Bank permission to use "bank" and/or "trust" in its name.

The official requirements and procedures for conducting a banking business in Georgia are prescribed in the Financial Institutions Code of Georgia. It is unlawful to conduct and/or be affiliated with a banking business in Georgia without a state or federal bank charter. It is also unlawful to use the words "bank" and/or "trust" in any entity's name without the permission of the Department.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§7-1-91(d), 7-1-241(c) and 7-1-243, the Department does hereby order International Treaty Bank, its successors and assigns and the officers, employees and directors of International Treaty Bank, including, but not limited to Walter Charlie Pressley a/k/a Chief Gees-Due OO-Neh-Gah Usti to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Department has received information indicating that International Treaty Bank is operating under the purported authority of the Southern Cherokee Nation and Red Fire People Central Bank ("SCNRFP Central Bank"). On August 23, 2017, the Department issued an Order to Cease and Desist to the SCNRFP Central Bank and Mr. Pressley. The Department has no record of SCNRFP Central Bank and has not approved that entity or Mr. Pressley to organize a bank and/or conduct a banking business in or from Georgia. Further, the Department has not granted SCNRFP Central Bank permission to use "bank" or "trust" in its name.

- 1) Immediately Cease and Desist from using "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof in its name in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation that could reach Georgia consumers without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-243.
- 2) Immediately Cease and Desist from using "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof in its name in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation originating from within this State without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-243.
- 3) Immediately Cease and Desist from claiming to be a bank, in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation that could reach Georgia consumers.
- 4) Immediately Cease and Desist from claiming to be a bank, in any form, including any internet website, marketing material, signage, correspondence, and/or legal documentation originating from within this State.
- 5) Immediately Cease and Desist from providing any financial products or services to the citizens of Georgia by any delivery system, including the internet, while using the word "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-241(c).
- 6) Immediately Cease and Desist from providing any financial products or services from within this State by any delivery system, including the internet, while using the word "bank," "trust," or any derivative thereof without the written authorization of the Department pursuant to O.C.G.A. §7-1-241(c).
- 7) Immediately Cease and Desist from engaging in the business of banking from within the State of Georgia and/or into the State of Georgia.

The above provisions are effective on September <u>7</u>, 2017, the date of issuance of this Order.

KEVIN B. HAGLER

Commissioner

Department of Banking and Finance

State of Georgia