STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Tim) Pawlenty for Governor Committee, 15475.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Tim Pawlenty (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. During 2004 the (Tim) Pawlenty for Governor Committee ("the Committee") accepted contributions from two individuals that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. Each individual contributed $750 to the Committee, which is $250 over the applicable $500 non-election year contribution limit, set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1 (a)(1). Each individual made two contributions to the Committee, none of the contributions were facially excessive. The excess contributions from the two individuals total $500. The excess amount of the contributions was not returned to either contributor within 60 days as required in Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. By letter dated October 3, 2005, Michael Krueger, Interim Treasurer, stated "...the Pawlenty for Governor committee has inadvertently accepted checks exceeding the individual contribution limit for 2004. ...We have taken steps to prevent a repetition of the data entry errors that led to acceptance of these contributions."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions which exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee has been registered with the Board since September 5, 2001.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively-excessive contributions resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1(a)(1), in calendar year 2004.

5. The Candidate, through the Committee, agrees to return to each of the individuals $250, one times the amount by which their contributions exceeded the applicable limit, and to forward a copy of the checks and the accompanying letters returning the contributions to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil fine of $500, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Candidate, through the Committee, hereby agrees to forward to the Board $500 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair. It is agreed by the parties that the copies of the checks returning the excess contributions along with the accompanying letters, payment of the civil fine of $500, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3 & 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the excess amount of $500, is not returned to the contributors within the time specified in paragraph 5, or the civil fine is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be liable to pay a civil fine, under Minn. Stat §§10A.28, subd. 2, and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) $1,000 or twice the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date of this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) $1,500 or three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(c) $2,000 or four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

9. It is further understood that if the excess contributions are not returned within the time specified in paragraph 5 above, or the civil fine is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.34, subd. 1, the Candidate shall be personally liable for the penalty described in paragraph 8 above.

10. It is further understood that if the excess contributions are not returned, within the time specified in paragraph 5 above, or the civil fine is not paid as agreed within the times specified in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

11. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair, the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public

record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Sat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

Governor Tim Pawlenty

Dated: 12/5/05

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Terri Ashmore

Dated: 12/15/05

Terri Ashmore, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board