### Kimberly A. Zurz Director

# STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Division of Financial Institutions Consumer Finance

In the matter of:	)	Case No. M2008-697
AMERICAN FREEDOM FINANCIAL LLC dba AMERICAN FREEDOM MORTGAGE 6006 Madison Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45227	) ) ) )	ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION & NOTICE OF HEARING

## **DIVISION ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"), is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act ("OMBA"), codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the registration of residential mortgage brokers; and

WHEREAS, AMERICAN FREEDOM FINANCIAL LLC dba AMERICAN FREEDOM MORTGAGE ("Respondent") is a company that holds a certificate of registration to engage in business as a mortgage broker pursuant to R.C. Chapter 1322. Respondent's business address of record is 6006 Madison Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227 and it conducts business under certificate of registration number MB.803163; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 1322.10(F)(1)(b) provides that the Division may, in the public interest, suspend, without a prior hearing, the certificate(s) of registration of a mortgage broker registrant that fails to maintain its bond as required by R.C. 1322.05(A) and (F); and

WHEREAS, Respondent is without a bond in violation of R.C. 1322.05(A) and (F), and it is in the public interest to suspend Respondent's certificate(s) of registration pursuant to its authority under R.C. 1322.10(F)(1)(b); and

Pursuant to R.C. 1322.10(F)(1)(b), mortgage broker certificate of registration number 803163 issued to Respondent is hereby SUSPENDED.

It is so ordered.

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. 1322.10(F)(4), R.C. Chapter 119 and Section 1301:8-7-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Respondent is hereby notified that a hearing shall be held at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 10, 2008 on the continuation or termination of the suspension imposed herein. Said hearing will be held in the 23rd Floor West Conference Room located at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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At the hearing, Respondent may appear in person, by Respondent's attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Agency, or Respondent may present its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent. At the hearing, a corporation must have a representative that is permitted to practice before the Agency, such as an attorney.

Signed and sealed this 14th day of November 2008.

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# LEIGH A. WILLIS

Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance Division of Financial Institutions Ohio Department of Commerce