**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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| In the Matter of<br><br>**THOMAS J. GROVES, M.D.**<br><br>Holder of License No. 5104<br>For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine<br>In the State of Arizona. | Case No. MD-07-0567A<br><br>**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF ACTIVE LICENSE (Non-Disciplinary)** |

## CONSENT AGREEMENT

By mutual agreement and understanding between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Thomas J. Groves, M.D. ("Physician") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Physician has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement"). Physician acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Physician voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent Agreement.

3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Physician are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Physician. Therefore, said admissions by Physician are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government

regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

5. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Physician may not revoke the acceptance of the Consent Agreement. Physician may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

6. This Consent Agreement is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal non-disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and will be reported on the Board's web site as a non-disciplinary action.

7. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.

8. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

Thomas J. Groves MD

THOMAS J. GROVES, M.D.

Dated: 7-29-07

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Physician is the holder of License No. 5104 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. On June 27, 2007, Physician informed the Board he is no longer able to practice medicine due to a physical disability and has retired from the practice of medicine. Physician requested the Board accept the surrender of his license.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who is unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(1).

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT License Number 5104 issued to Thomas J. Groves, M.D. for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona is surrendered and that Thomas J. Groves, M.D. immediately return his wallet card and certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 10th day of August, 2007.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

(SEAL)

By _____
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
20th day of August, 2007 with:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
US Mail this 20th day of August, 2007 to:

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Address of Record