WHEREAS, Michele D. Uhing, RN ("Licensee"), was licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and held license number R-021742; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2008, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by Licensee on February 28, 2008, arising out of her felony arrest for forgery and identity theft by utilizing names of patients from her place of employment; and

WHEREAS, said Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended Licensee’s license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-57, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing dated June 20, 2012, and personally appeared before the Board on November 15, 2012. Licensee presented her own testimony as to why her license should be reinstated. Licensee also answered questions of the Board; and
WHEREAS, the Board has considered Licensee’s request for reinstatement, the previous Order, as well as the testimony of the Licensee, and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.

2. That the Licensee’s request for reinstatement of her registered nurse license in the State of South Dakota is hereby denied.

3. That the Licensee has failed to meet her burden in presenting information that shows good cause as to why the Licensee’s license should be reinstated.

4. The Licensee’s Voluntary Surrender Consent Order hereby remains in effect.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order Denying Request for Reinstatement was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 15th day of November, 2012, by a vote of 9-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS
Executive Director