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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

DCF Department Clerk

**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES,**

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO. 19-4975

RENDITION NO. DCF-21-126-FO

**FLORINE POPE d/b/a POPE FAMILY
DAY CARE HOME,**

Respondent.

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE is before the Department of Children and Families ("Department") for entry of a Final Order concerning the Department's Administrative Complaint issued on August 6, 2019 against Pope Family Day Care Home ("Respondent"). The Recommended Order dated April 1, 2021 concluded that the Department did not prove by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent committed any of the alleged violations. Specifically, the Department alleged violations of section 2.3 (A, B, & F) of the Family Day Care Home and Large Family Child Care Home Handbook ("FDCH Handbook"), which prohibits certain discipline techniques; section 6 (A) of the FDCH Handbook, which requires supervision of children in care; and section 9.2 (A) of the FDCH Handbook, which prohibits child abuse. The FDCH Handbook is incorporated by reference in Rule 65C-20.008, *Florida Administrative Code*. As such, the Administrative Law Judge recommended dismissing the Administrative Complaint. Neither party filed exceptions to the Recommended Order.

There being no reason to reject or modify the findings of fact or conclusions of law in the Recommended Order, the Recommended Order is adopted and the Department's Administrative Complaint dated August 6, 2019 is **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 15th day of July, 2021.



Shevaun L. Harris, Secretary

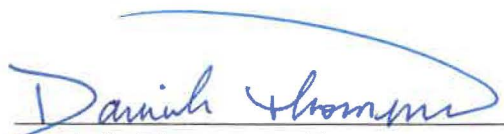
NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION AND MAY BE APPEALED BY A PARTY PUSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND RULES 9.110 AND 9.190, FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH APPEAL IS INSTITUTED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT 2415 NORTH MONROE ST., STE. 100, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303, AND A SECOND COPY ALONG WITH THE FILING FEE AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW, IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES OR IN THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED (RECEIVED) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.¹

Copies furnished to the following via U.S. or Electronic Mail, as indicated below, on date of Rendition of this Order.

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¹ The date of the "rendition" of this Order is the date that is stamped on its first page.