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Victoria Merritt Program Director CASA of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit 1015 Exum St Nashville, Georgia 31639

RE: Your Application for Certification for Eligibility to Receive 5% Funding for Local Victim Assistance Programs and/or Victim Services Funding through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is Approved – CASA of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit DBA: Family Connection/Communities in Berrien

Dear Victoria Merritt:

This letter serves as official notification that your agency has been certified as eligible to receive 5% funding from Local Victim Assistance Add-On Fines and/or Victim Services Funding in the following counties:

Atkinson, Berrien, Clinch, Cook, Lanier.

The name, address, and relevant contact information for your agency will be added to a list provided to appropriate officials of all counties in which your agency has been certified. This listing of eligible agencies will also be posted on our website (http://cjcc.georgia.gov). Under the Georgia Code, it remains the responsibility of county government officials to determine the allocation of 5% funds to eligible agencies, including whether or not an agency deemed eligible receives funding and in what amount.

Your certification of eligibility will remain in effect until <u>April 27, 2026</u>, unless there is a disqualifying event. An application for re-certification will be available electronically prior to the expiration of this certification. Subsequent applications will be due in even numbered years.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please consult any of the following CJCC staff members for assistance:

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Sincerely,

Jay Neal

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