STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION 12-CVS-1547

COUNTY OF GASTON

I.BEVERLY LAKE, JOHN B. LEWIS, JR., EVERETTE M. LATTA, PORTER L. McATEER, ELIZABETH S. McATEER, ROBERT C. HANES, CARPENTER, MARILYN L. FUTRELLE, FRANKLIN E. DAVIS, ESTATE OF JAMES D. WILSON, BENJAMIN E. FOUNTAIN, JR., FAYE IRIS Y. FISHER, STEVE FRED BLANTON, HERBERT W. COOPER, ROBERT C. HAYES, JR., STEPHEN B. JONES, MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, DAVID B. BARNES, BARBARA J. CURRIE, CONNIE SAVELL, ROBERT B. KAISER, JOAN ATWELL, ALICE P. NOBLES, BRUCE B. JARVIS, ROXANNA J. EVANS. and JEAN C. NARRON, and all others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs,

VS.

STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES, a corporation, formerly Known as the North Carolina Teachers and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NORTH CAROLINA, a corporation, BOARD OF TRUSTEES TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NORTH CAROLINA, a body politic and corporate, JANET COWELL, in her official capacity as Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, and the STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

Defendants.

PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION TO CERTIFY CLASS

Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned legal counsel, on their own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated, hereby move this Court to certify this matter as a class action. In support of this motion, Plaintiffs contemporaneously serves with this motion their Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Certify Class together with all supporting documentation.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this date I served a copy of the foregoing PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CERTIFY CLASS on counsel for Defendants by email and by depositing a copy thereof in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

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This 31st day of May 2016.