

STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of the Surrender of the Certificate of)	
)	Docket No. 23A-002-INS
Authority of)	
)	
Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company)	ORDER APPROVING MERGER
)	
(NAIC No. 23779),)	
)	
Petitioner.)	

Based upon reliable evidence provided to the Director of Insurance and Financial Institutions by the Assistant Director of the Financial Affairs Division of the Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions (“Department”), the Director finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company (“Petitioner”) is an Ohio domiciled insurance company that received its certificate of authority to transact property and casualty insurance in Arizona effective January 5, 1956.

2. Effective January 1, 2023, Petitioner, the non-surviving entity, merged into Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (NMIC), NAIC No. 23787, an Ohio domiciled insurer and the surviving entity. NMIC is authorized to transact insurance in Arizona. Petitioner voluntarily surrendered its certificate of authority to the Department.

3. The Insurance Commissioner of Ohio approved the merger of Petitioner into NMIC on October 27, 2022.

4. Petitioner has no outstanding obligations under any policy of insurance, whether written direct or through reinsurance ceded to it, to policyholders or claimants who are residents of this State.

1 5. Petitioner is not the subject of any pending investigation or market conduct
2 examination and Petitioner does not owe this Department any filings or fees.

3 6. Petitioner's 2022 Annual Statement and Annual Tax and Fees Report together
4 with payment of all applicable fees are due to this Department March 1, 2023.

5 7. Petitioner has a \$100.00 deposit with the Insurance Examiners' Revolving Fund
6 ("IERF").

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 Petitioner has complied with the provisions of A.R.S. § 20-217 and with A.A.C. R20-6-
9 303 relating to the surrender of its Certificate of Authority.

10 **ORDER**

11 1. The surrender of the Petitioner's certificate of authority is accepted.

12 2. Petitioner shall file its 2022 Annual Statement and Annual Tax and Fees Report
13 together with payment of all applicable fees.

14 3. The Department shall refund to the Petitioner the sum of \$100.00 that was
15 previously credited to the IERF pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-159.

16 Effective this 12th day of January, 2023.

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19 SHANE FOSTER, Acting Director
20 **Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions**

21 COPY of the foregoing mailed/delivered
22 this 13th day of January, 2023, to:

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