AMENDMENT NO. 7 AGREEMENT FOR AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD ACCEPTANCE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

THIS AMENDMENT ("Amendment") is made on the 28th day of April, 2021 by and between the State of North Carolina, as represented by the State Controller ("STATE"), and AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC. ("VENDOR," and collectively the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** are Parties to an "Agreement for American Express Card Acceptance," dated December 15, 2006 (the "**Agreement**"); and

WHEREAS, the Initial Term of the Agreement expired on December 14, 2011 and the second of two Renewal Terms exercised by the **STATE** expired on December 14, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** entered into an "Amendment No. 3," effective November 29, 2013, extending the Initial Term until December 14, 2018, and providing the **STATE** the right to extend the term of the Agreement for two successive one year Renewal Terms; and

WHEREAS, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** entered into an "Amendment No. 4," effective December 15, 2018, extending the term of the Agreement, for the first Renewal Term, until December 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** entered into an "Amendment No. 5," effective December 15, 2018, extending the term of the Agreement, for the first Renewal Term, until December 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** entered into an "Amendment No. 6," effective December 7, 2020, extending the term of the Agreement, for the second Renewal Term, until June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the **STATE** has given notice to the **VENDOR** of the **STATE**'s exercise of its option to further extend the term of the Agreement, for the second Renewal Term, until December 31, 2021, and the Parties desire to enter into this Amendment to evidence their agreement regarding the extension.

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NOW, **THEREFORE**, in consideration of the performance by each of the Parties of its promises and obligations herein set forth, the **STATE** and the **VENDOR** do hereby mutually covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. The second Renewal Term of the Agreement shall continue in effect through and including December 31, 2021, unless earlier terminated as provided in the Agreement.
- 2. All other provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.
- 3. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by authority duly given, have caused this Amendment to be executed in two (2) original counterparts.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA	AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL
	RELATED SERVICES COMPANY,
DocuSigned by:	INC. DocuSigned by:
Dr. Linda Combs	Curtis Wilson
Dr. Linda Combs	Curtis Wilson, Vice President
Name:	General Manager, MSUS
State Controller	- .
Date: April 29, 2021	Date: April 30, 2021

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