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**NOTICE OF SIXTY-DAY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE FOR
VIOLATION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC
ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 [Cal. Health & Safety Code §
25249.5, et seq.] (“Proposition 65”)**

Katy Larcas
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McDonalds
20362 Beach Blvd
Huntington Beach, CA 92646
Tel. (714) 536-7977

**Re: Violations of Proposition 65 Concerning The Distribution and
Sale of Foods Containing Acrylamide.**

Brian Fagan, the noticing party, who may be contacted through his counsel Anthony G. Graham of Graham & Associates LLP located at 2901 West Coast Highway, Suite 200, Newport Beach, California, 92101, serves this Notice of Violation (“Notice”) upon Katy Larcas, Owner/Operator, McDonalds located at 20362 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92646 (hereinafter “Violator”) pursuant to and in compliance with Proposition 65. Violator may contact the noticing parties concerning this Notice through their designated person, his attorney Anthony Graham of the above address, telephone no. (714) 209-5640, email: anthonyggraham@msn.com.

This Notice satisfies a prerequisite for Brian Fagan to commence an action against Violator in any Superior Court of California to enforce Proposition 65 in sixty days. The violations addressed by this Notice occurred at the McDonalds located at 20362 Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92646 in Orange California. The Noticing Party is serving this Notice upon each person or entity responsible for the alleged violations, the California Attorney General, the district attorney for Orange County where the violations occurred,

and the City Attorney for each city with a population (according to the most recent decennial census) of over 750,000 located within Orange County where the alleged violations occurred.

- Brian Fagan is acting “in the public interest” pursuant to Proposition 65. He is a concerned citizen dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health, and supporting environmentally sound practices.
- This Notice concerns violations of the warning prong of Proposition 65, which states that “[n]o person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning to such individual ...” Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.6.
- Violator has in the past four years prior to this Notice has sold products, including burgers and fried fish and chicken to the public which contain Acrylamide, a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive toxicity, such as birth defects and other reproductive harm [“the Noticed Chemical”].
- Acrylamide was listed as a carcinogen since 1-Jan-1990 with a No Significant Risk Level (“NSRL”) of 0.2 (µg/day).
- Acrylamide has been listed as causing developmental harm since 25-Feb-2011 with an NSRL of 140 (µg/day).
- The Noticed Chemical is found in the following products distributed/manufactured/sold by the Violator:
All burger sold at the store, all fried fish and fried chicken products [the “Noticed Products”].
- This Notice addresses consumer products exposures. A [c]onsumer products exposure’ is an exposure which results from a person’s acquisition, purchase, storage, consumption, or other reasonably foreseeable use of a consumer good, or any exposure that results from receiving a consumer service.” Cal. Code Regs. 27 § 25602(b).

Violator caused consumer product exposures in violation of Proposition 65 by producing or making available for distribution or sale in California the Noticed Products

which contain acrylamide above the NSRL for that chemical. Violator has failed to ever inform any consumer of its Noticed Products that they contain a Noticed Chemical known to the State of California to cause both cancer and reproductive toxicity, such as birth defects and other reproductive harm. The principal route of exposure is through ingestion. With respect to the specified products listed above, the violation began when the specified products were first offered for sale in California after the Noticed Chemical was added to the list of such chemicals maintained by the State of California and has continued every day since the relevant date the violation commenced. The violation will continue every day until (i) acrylamide is removed from the specified products; (ii) reduced to allowable levels, or (iii) until a “clear and reasonable” warning is provided to consumers by the Noticed Party.

Neither on the containers of the Noticed Products sold, nor on the restaurant itself or the drive through has Violator provided to its customers, as required under Proposition 65 nor provided any label or other written, printed or graphic matter affixed to or accompanying the Noticed Product or its container any Proposition 65 compliant warning. Nor did Violator, with regard to the Noticed Chemicals, provide a system of signs, public advertising identifying the system and toll-free information services, or any other system, which provided clear and reasonable warnings.

The Noticing Party has visited the establishment on 5 separate occasions since September 1, 2019 and has in fact specifically informed the manager on each occasion of the need for a properly worded and located Proposition 65 warning. Despite this fact, the facility as of October 30, 2019 still fails to have an appropriate warning.

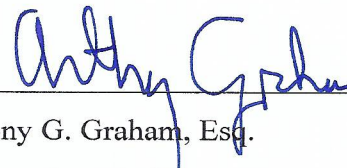
The State of California has stated that any warning language should incorporate the current advice available from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concerning eating a balanced diet, and provide references to the FDA and OEHHA web sites so that interested consumers can easily locate more information. OEHHA has stated that it believes that its proposed warning language for acrylamide in foods will provide the necessary clear and reasonable warning required by Proposition 65, while not unduly alarming or confusing consumers. OEHHA has also stated that “Given the fact that many

different types of foods contain acrylamide in amounts in excess of the no significant risk level (NSRL,) providing the warning notice at the point of sale or the point of display may help reduce consumer confusion and will also ensure that the warning notice does not interfere with any Mandatory labeling requirements for food that may be imposed by the FDA or other regulatory agencies.”

Proposition 65 requires that notice of intent to sue be given to the violator(s) sixty (60) days before the suit is filed. Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)(1). With this letter, Dr. Richard Sowinski and Dianna Personne give notice of the alleged violation to Violators and the appropriate governmental authorities. In the absence of any action by the appropriate governmental authorities within sixty (60) calendar days of the sending of this notice, they may file suit. See Cal. Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)(1); Cal. Code Regs. 27 § 25903(d)(1); and Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1013. The Noticing Parties remain open to discussing the possibility of resolving their grievances short of formal litigation. Any proposal would be subject to approval by the State.

With the copy of this notice submitted to the Violators, a copy of the following is attached: The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary.

Dated: December 26, 2019



Anthony G. Graham, Esq.

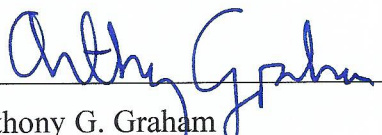
Attorney for Brian Fagan

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

I, Anthony G. Graham, hereby declare:

1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached notice(s) of violation ("NOV") in which it is alleged the parties identified in the notices have violated Health and Safety Code section 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
2. I am the attorney for the noticing party. The NOV alleges that the alleged violator has exposed persons in California to the listed chemical that is the subject of this Certificate. Please refer to the NOV for additional details regarding the product name(s) and alleged violations.
3. I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies, or other data regarding the exposure to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on all other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiffs' case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violator will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
5. The copy of this Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health and Safety Code section 25249.7(h)(2), i.e., (1) the entity of the person(s) consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies, or other data reviewed by those persons.

Dated: December 26, 2019



Anthony G. Graham

APPENDIX A

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY

The following summary has been prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as “Proposition 65”). A copy of this summary must be included as an attachment to any notice of violation served upon an alleged violator of the Act. The summary provides basic information about the provisions of the law, and is intended to serve only as a convenient source of general information. It is not intended to provide authoritative guidance on the meaning or application of the law. The reader is directed to the statute and OEHHA implementing regulations (see citations below) for further information.

FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BASIS FOR THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE RELATED TO YOUR BUSINESS, CONTACT THE PERSON IDENTIFIED ON THE NOTICE.

The text of Proposition 65 (Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 through 25249.13) is available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65law72003.html>. Regulations that provide more specific guidance on compliance, and that specify procedures to be followed by the State in carrying out certain aspects of the law, are found in Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 25102 through 27001. These implementing regulations are available online at: <http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/P65Regs.html>.

WHAT DOES PROPOSITION 65 REQUIRE?

The “Proposition 65 List.” Under Proposition 65, the lead agency (OEHHA) publishes a list of chemicals that are known to the State of California to cause cancer and/or reproductive toxicity. Chemicals are placed on the Proposition 65 list if they are

known to cause cancer and/or birth defects or other reproductive harm, such as damage to female or male reproductive systems or to the developing fetus. This list must be updated at least once a year. The current Proposition 65 list of chemicals is available on the OEHHA website at: [http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65 list/Newlist.html](http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65%20list/Newlist.html). Only those chemicals that are on the list are regulated under Proposition 65. Businesses that produce, use, release or otherwise engage in activities involving listed chemicals must comply with the following:

Clear and reasonable warnings.

A business is required to warn a person before “knowingly and intentionally” exposing that person to a listed chemical unless an exemption applies. The warning given must be “clear and reasonable.” This means that the warning must: (1) clearly make known that the chemical involved is known to cause cancer, or birth defects or other reproductive harm; and (2) be given in such a way that it will effectively reach the person before he or she is exposed to that chemical. Some exposures are exempt from the warning requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

Prohibition from discharges into drinking water.

A business must not knowingly discharge or release a listed chemical into water or onto land where it passes or probably will pass into a source of drinking water. Some discharges are exempt from this requirement under certain circumstances discussed below.

DOES PROPOSITION 65 PROVIDE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes. You should consult the current version of the statute and regulations (<http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/index.html>) to determine all applicable exemptions, the most common of which are the following:

Grace Period. Proposition 65 warning requirements do not apply until 12 months after the chemical has been listed. The Proposition 65 discharge prohibition does not apply to a discharge or release of a chemical that takes place less than 20 months after the listing of the chemical.

Governmental agencies and public water utilities. All agencies of the federal, state or local government, as well as entities operating public water systems, are exempt.

Businesses with nine or fewer employees. Neither the warning requirement nor the discharge prohibition applies to a business that employs a total of nine or fewer employees. This includes all employees, not just those present in California.

Exposures that pose no significant risk of cancer. For chemicals that are listed under Proposition 65 as known to the State to cause cancer, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure occurs at a level that poses “no significant risk.” This means that the exposure is calculated to result in not more than one excess case of cancer in 100,000 individuals exposed over a 70-year lifetime. The Proposition 65 regulations identify specific “No Significant Risk Levels” (NSRLs) for many listed carcinogens. Exposures below these levels are exempt from the warning requirement. See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of NSRLs, and Section 25701 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures that will produce no observable reproductive effect at 1,000 times the level in question. For chemicals known to the State to cause reproductive toxicity, a warning is not required if the business causing the exposure can demonstrate that the exposure will produce no observable effect, even at 1,000 times the level in question. In other words, the level of exposure must be below the “no observable effect level” divided by 1,000. This number is known as the Maximum Allowable Dose Level (MADL). See OEHHA's website at: <http://www.oehha.ca.gov/prop65/getNSRLs.html> for a list of MADLs, and Section 25801 et seq. of the regulations for information concerning how these levels are calculated.

Exposures to Naturally Occurring Chemicals in Food. Certain exposures to chemicals that naturally occur in foods (i.e., that do not result from any known human activity, including activity by someone other than the person causing the exposure) are exempt from the warning requirements of the law. If the chemical is a contaminant it must be reduced to the lowest level feasible. Regulations explaining this exemption can be found in Section 25501.

Discharges that do not result in a “significant amount” of the listed chemical entering any source of drinking water. The prohibition from discharges into drinking water does not apply if the discharger is able to demonstrate that a “significant amount” of the listed chemical has not, does not, or will not pass into or probably pass into a source of drinking water, and that the discharge complies with all other applicable laws, regulations, permits, requirements, or orders. A “significant amount” means any detectable amount, except an amount that would meet the “no significant risk” level for chemicals that cause cancer or that is 1,000 times below the “no observable effect” level for chemicals that cause reproductive toxicity, if an individual were exposed to that amount in drinking water.

HOW IS PROPOSITION 65 ENFORCED?

Enforcement is carried out through civil lawsuits. These lawsuits may be brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or certain city attorneys. Lawsuits may also be brought by private parties acting in the public interest, but only after providing notice of the alleged violation to the Attorney General, the appropriate district attorney and city attorney, and the business accused of the violation. The notice must provide adequate information to allow the recipient to assess the nature of the alleged violation. The notice must comply with the information and procedural requirements specified in Section 25903 of Title 27 and sections 3100-3103 of Title 11. A private party may not pursue an independent enforcement action under Proposition 65 if one of the governmental officials noted above initiates an enforcement action within sixty days of the notice.

A business found to be in violation of Proposition 65 is subject to civil penalties of up to \$2,500 per day for each violation. In addition, the business may be ordered by a court to stop committing the violation.

A private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. For the following types of exposures, the Act provides an opportunity for the business to correct the alleged violation:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;

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- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off-premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
 - An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
 - An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

If a private party alleges that a violation occurred based on one of the exposures described above, the private party must first provide the alleged violator a notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form.

A copy of the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form is included in Appendix B and can be downloaded from OEHHA's website at:

<http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/law/p65law72003.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS...

Contact the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's Proposition 65 Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at P65Public.Comments@oehha.ca.gov.

Revised: May 2017

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 25249.12, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

APPENDIX B

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

This Appendix B contains the notice of special compliance procedure and proof of compliance form prepared by the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), the lead agency for the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (commonly known as “Proposition 65”). Under the Act, a private party may not file an enforcement action based on certain exposures if the alleged violator meets specific conditions. These exposures are:

- An exposure to alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent onsite consumption is permitted by law;
- An exposure to a Proposition 65 listed chemical in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises that is primarily intended for immediate consumption on- or off-premises. This only applies if the chemical was not intentionally added to the food, and was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination;
- An exposure to environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises;
- An exposure to listed chemicals in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking non-commercial vehicles.

A private party may not file an action against the alleged violator for these exposures, or recover in a settlement any payment in lieu of penalties any reimbursement for costs and attorney's fees, if the alleged violator has done all of the following within 14 days of being served notice:

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- Corrected the alleged violation;
 - Agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 (subject to change in 2019 and every five years thereafter) to the private party within 30 days; and
 - Notified the private party serving the notice in writing that the violation has been corrected.

An alleged violator may satisfy these conditions only one time for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility or on the same premises. The satisfaction of these conditions does not prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney of a city of greater than 750,000 population, or any full-time city prosecutor with the consent of the district attorney, from filing an enforcement action against an alleged violator.

When a private party sends a notice of alleged violation that alleges one or more of the exposures listed above, the notice must include a notice of special compliance procedure, and a proof of compliance form to be completed by the alleged violator as directed in the notice.

The notice and proof of compliance form is reproduced here:

Date:

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Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party:

Address:

Phone number:

SPECIAL COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE

PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

You are receiving this form because the Noticing Party listed above has alleged that you are violating California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 (Prop. 65).

The Noticing Party may not bring any legal proceedings against you for the alleged violation checked below if:

- (1) You have actually taken the corrective steps that you have certified in this form.
- (2) The Noticing Party has received this form at the address shown above, accurately completed by you, postmarked within 14 days of your receiving this notice.

(3) The Noticing Party receives the required \$500 penalty payment from you at the address shown above postmarked within 30 days of your receiving this notice.

(4) This is the first time you have submitted a Proof of Compliance for a violation arising from the same exposure in the same facility on the same premises.

PART 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOTICING PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR THE NOTICING PARTY

The alleged violation is for an exposure to: (check one)

Alcoholic beverages that are consumed on the alleged violator's premises to the extent on-site consumption is permitted by law.

A chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in a food or beverage prepared and sold on the alleged violator's premises for immediate consumption on or off premises to the extent: (1) the chemical was not intentionally added; and (2) the chemical was formed by cooking or similar preparation of food or beverage components necessary to render the food or beverage palatable or to avoid microbiological contamination.

Environmental tobacco smoke caused by entry of persons (other than employees) on premises owned or operated by the alleged violator where smoking is permitted at any location on the premises.

Chemicals known to the State to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity in engine exhaust, to the extent the exposure occurs inside a facility owned or operated by the alleged violator and primarily intended for parking noncommercial vehicles.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

(1) You have no potential liability under California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 if your business has nine (9) or fewer employees.

(2) Using this form will NOT prevent the Attorney General, a district attorney, a city attorney, or a prosecutor in whose jurisdiction the violation is alleged to have occurred from filing an action over the same alleged violations, and that in any such action, the amount of civil penalty shall be reduced to reflect any payment made at this time.

Date: 11/1/2019

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Name of Noticing Party or attorney for Noticing Party: Anthony Graham for Brian Fagan

Address: 2901 West Coast Highway, Ste. 200, Newport Beach, CA 92663

Phone number: 714-209-5640

PART 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Certification of Compliance

Accurate completion of this form will demonstrate that you are now in compliance with California Health and Safety Code §25249.6 for the alleged violation listed above. You must complete and submit the form below to the Noticing Party at the address shown above, postmarked within 14 days of you receiving this notice.

I hereby agree to pay, within 30 days of completion of this notice, a civil penalty of \$500 to the Noticing Party only and certify that I have complied with Health and Safety Code §25249.6 by (check only one of the following):

Posting a warning or warnings about the alleged exposure that complies with the law, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises;

Posting the warning or warnings demanded in writing by the Noticing Party, and attaching a copy of that warning and a photograph accurately showing its placement on my premises; OR

Eliminating the alleged exposure, and attaching a statement accurately describing how the alleged exposure has been eliminated.

Certification

My statements on this form, and on any attachments to it, are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I have carefully read the instructions to complete this form. I understand that if I make a false statement on this form, I may be subject to additional penalties under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65).

_____ Date _____

Signature of alleged violator or authorized representative

Name and title of signatory

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW OR REGULATIONS.

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Implementation Office at (916) 445-6900 or via e-mail at
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25249.5, 25249.6, 25249.7, 25249.9, 25249.10 and 25249.11, Health and Safety Code.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this case. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My business address is 2901 West Coast Highway, Suite 200, Newport Beach, California 92663.

I SERVED THE FOLLOWING BY PLACING A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES OR BY EMAIL TO THOSE PUBLIC PROSECUTORS REQUIRING IT:

- (i) Notice of Violations of California Health & Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.;
- (ii) Certificate of Merit;
- (iii) Supporting Information for Certificate of Merit (Attorney General only);
- (iv) Appendix "A" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement act of 1986 (Proposition 65): A Summary", and;
- (v) Appendix "B" – "The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (Proposition 65): Special Compliance Procedure".

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District Attorney
Orange County
401 West Civic Center Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92701

BY ELECTRONIC UPLOAD:
California Attorney General
Sacramento, CA [WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION].

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: December 26, 2019

