1 2 3	BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OREGON
4 5 6 7 8 9	In the Matter of the Teaching License of DEFAULT ORDER THOMAS ROBERT BECKER OF REVOCATION
10 11	On March 19, 2002, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission issued a Notice
12	of Opportunity for Hearing to Adrienne Nelson, Attorney for Thomas Robert Becker, in
13	which the Commission proposed to suspend or revoke the teaching license of Thomas Robert
14	Becker or otherwise impose discipline under ORS 342.177. The notice was sent via U.S.
15	First Class Mail to the law offices of Bennett, Hartman, Morris & Kaplan. Adrienne Nelson
16	did not request a hearing on behalf her client.
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18	The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, signed by David V. Myton, Executive
19	Director, stated:
20	If a request for hearing is not received within this 21-day period, your right to
21	hearing shall be considered waived unless your failure to request a hearing was
22	beyond your reasonable control. If you do no request a hearing or if you fail to
23	appear at a hearing, the Commission will adopt an Order of Default which may
24	include the revocation or suspension of your license or other discipline.
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26	Based on the foregoing, the Commission finds Thomas Robert Becker in default and
27	such default is hereby entered. Based on the records and files of the Commission, the
28	Commission enters the following findings of fact and order.
29 30 31	FINDINGS OF FACT
32	1. Thomas Robert Becker holds a Standard Teacher License with an endorsement
33	in Standard Elementary valid through February 3, 2004.

2. Thomas Robert Becker was employed as an elementary teacher in the Tigard-1 Tualatin School District from September 1985 until his resignation effective December 21, 2 3 2000. 3. During the 2000-2001 academic year, Becker was using a personal computer in 4 his home to solicit sex over the Internet from what he believed to be minor boys. Becker's 5 communications attracted the attention of the Illinois State Attorney's Office, Internet 6 Crime Unit. 7 4. On or about August 23, 2000, Will County Circuit Court, Joliett, Illinois, records 8 indicate that Becker was Indicted by a Grand Jury on three charges of Indecent Solicitation 9 of a Child (Class C Felony). Becker was subsequently arrested by Joliett, Illinois police 10 officers at his home in Tigard, Oregon, and extradited to Joliett, Illinois for prosecution. 11 5. On January 11, 2002, Becker was convicted of the Class C felony crime of 12 Indecent Solicitation of a Child/Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse in Will County Circuit 13 Court, Will County, Illinois. Becker was sentenced to six months in custody, 30 months 14 probation with conditions, and is required to register as a sex offender in Illinois. 15 16 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW** 17 18 Conviction of a crime constitutes Gross Unfitness pursuant to OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c). 19 Becker's conviction of a Class C felony crime of Indecent Solicitation of a 20 Child/Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse in Will County Circuit Court, Will County, 21 Illinois, constitutes Gross Unfitness. The Commission's authority to impose discipline in 22

this matter is based upon ORS 342.175(1)(a) and (c).

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2	ORDER
3	The Commission revokes the Oregon Standard Teaching License #251351 issued to
4	Thomas Robert Becker.
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6	Dated this 21 day of May 2002.
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9	TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
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11 12	By Linda Jamek Linda Samek, Deputy Director
13	Linda Samek, Deputy Director
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16	NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS
17 18	YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICAL
19	REVIEW MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60
20	DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT
21	TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.
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23 24	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
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26	I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof
27	certified by me as such by regular U.S. First Class Mail and by U.S. Certified Mail—Return
28	Receipt Requested to:
29 30	Thomas Robert Becker
31	512 NE Simpson
32	Portland OR 97211
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34	Dated this A day of May 2002.
35 36	Dated this day of May 2002.
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39	By: Jelody Hanson
40	Melody Hanson / Executive Assistant to the Commission
41	Executive Assistant to the Commission