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Board Member Statement of Understanding

After careful and sincere consideration, I have accepted the invitation and have been inducted officially as a term member of the Board of Trustees of America CAN!. I am fully committed and dedicated to the vision and mission of America CAN!. I pledge to do my full part to ensure fulfillment of the mission. I understand that my duties, responsibilities, and obligations include the following:

- 1) The founding of America CAN! as a public trust is rooted in the not-for-profit corporate statutes of Texas.
- 2) I am personally and jointly responsible, with other board members, for the operation of America CAN! in fulfillment of its mission in service to (description of who is being served).
- 3) I will be aware of the proposed and approved operating budget, and also what the budget ought to be to ensure the highest quality in all programs, services, facilities, equipment, and staff requirements.
- 4) I pledge to do my part in actively reviewing and monitoring the budget through periodic reports and seeking necessary financial support to insure a balanced annual budget at least. I will also be active in the board's oversight responsibilities in all other areas of America CAN!'s operation.
- 5) I am responsible to know the governing board bylaws and policies that determine the management and reputation of America CAN!.
- 6) I want to visit America CAN! to learn more about its practices and values.
- 7) I will provide what is for me a substantial annual gift for budget operations. I will make a reasonable effort to participate in special fundraising events. I will consider capital fund and estate gifts as appropriate for me.
- 8) I will attend America CAN!'s events as described in the Board Member position description.
- 9) I will actively promote America CAN! among my business and professional friends, neighbors, and family to encourage their support.
- 10) I will engage actively in cultivation of friends for their generous support of America CAN! in the name of philanthropy.
- 11) I will attend board meetings, serve on committees as appropriate, and be available in person and by phone.

- 12) I will be vigilant regarding of conflicts of interest and even the perception of a conflict of interest. As a Board member, I pledge to make decisions and take actions which are in the best interest of the entire organization and set aside any other loyalties. I understand that there may be occasions when I must declare a conflict of interest and recuse myself from voting on an issue.
- 13) I will be vigilant regarding the confidentiality of issues and actions that Trustees discuss. I understand that inappropriate conversations are unacceptable and are grounds for removal from the board.
- 14) In signing this document, I understand that there are no rigid standards of measurement or achievement for board members. This pledge is a statement of faith and trust among one another to perform to the best of our abilities.

This appointment will be a treasured honor.

_____ Date: _____
Board Member Signature

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____
Home Office Cell

In turn, America CAN! is responsible to me as follows:

- 1) I will receive financial and appropriate dated reports regularly which I will read before meetings.
- 2) I will be able to discuss policies, programs, goals, objectives, and perceptions with staff members through the chief executive.
- 3) Board members and staff will respond to the best of their ability in straightforward, honest, moral, ethical, legal, and fiscal responsibilities as members of a public trust.

Board Chair

Executive Director

Date: _____

Date: _____