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**INDEPENDENCE HOLDING COMPANY**

***NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS***

To Be Held on November 12, 2018

Dear Stockholders:

We cordially invite you to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (“2018 Annual Meeting” or “Annual Meeting”) of Independence Holding Company (“IHC” or the “Company”). Our 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern and will be our fifth completely virtual meeting of stockholders. You will be able to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting, vote, and submit your questions during the meeting via live webcast by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/IHC2018](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/IHC2018). To enter the meeting, you must have your sixteen-digit control number that is shown on the proxy card accompanying this Proxy Statement. You will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

Details regarding logging onto and attending the meeting over the website and the business to be conducted are described in the Proxy Card included with this Proxy Statement. We have also made available a copy of our 2017 Annual Report with this Proxy Statement. We encourage you to read our Annual Report. It includes our audited financial statements and provides information about our business and products.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. elect nine directors, each for a term of one year;
2. ratify the appointment of RSM US LLP as IHC’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018; and

3. transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on September 17, 2018 may vote at the meeting or any postponements or adjournments of the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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*Vice President – Legal and Secretary*

October 1, 2018

**HOW TO VOTE: Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet, as well as by telephone or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, by mailing a proxy or voting instruction card. Please review the instructions on each of your voting options described in this Proxy Statement as well as in the proxy card. Your vote is important, no matter how many shares you owned on the record date. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience and needs no postage if mailed in the United States.**

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