Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage, Inc. [NGVC] Isely Raquel M. (Month/Day/Year) 12/21/2015 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY (Check all applicable) VITAMIN COTTAGE, Â 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY 10% Owner Director (Street) Officer __X__ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) 13D Group Member _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person LAKEWOOD, COÂ 80228 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock $103,745 \frac{(1)}{2}$ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 2. Date Exercisable and Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Or Exercisable and Instr. 4) Conversion of Exercisable and Securities Underlying Or Exercisable and Instr. 4) Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Or Exercisable and Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Security Or Exercisable and Instr. 4)	sion Ownership Cise Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Isely Raquel M.

C/O NATURAL GROCERS BY VITAMIN COTTAGE, 12612 W. ALAMEDA PARKWAY LAKEWOOD, COÂ 80228

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13D Group Member

Signatures

/s/ Kemper Isely, by Power of Attorney

05/27/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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On December 21, 2015, the Reporting Person executed a Joinder Agreement pursuant to which she agreed that all shares of Common (1) Stock will be subject to the provisions of a Stockholders Agreement that contains voting agreements. As a result, the Reporting Person is a member of a Schedule 13D group that beneficially owns more than 10% of the Issuer's Common Stock.

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