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## **Order in Suit to Modify SAPCR**

### **Sample Template**

This document provides a preview of the master template TXdocs uses to assemble Orders in a Suit to Modify Parent-Child Relationship. You can use it to see how TXdocs addresses all the issues that may need to be handled in a modification.

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**[CAPTION]**

**FINAL ORDER IN SUIT TO MODIFY PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

On [date], the Petition to Modify Parent-Child Relationship filed by [Movant(s)] was heard by the Court.

**Appearances**

*{Petitioner made an appearance:* [Name of Petitioner], Petitioner, appeared [in person/in person and by attorney/by attorney of record] and announced ready for [hearing/trial].

*{Petitioner did not appear:* [Name of Petitioner], Petitioner, was not present, but has agreed to this Final Order, as indicated by [Name of Petitioner]'s signature below.}

*{Respondent appeared at hearing:* [Name of Respondent], Respondent, appeared [in person/in person and by attorney/by attorney of record] and announced ready for [hearing/trial].

*{Respondent defaulted:* [Name of Respondent], Respondent, after being served with process in this suit, never responded to the Petition to Modify Parent Child Relationship and has defaulted.}

*{Respondent waived service and agreed:* [Name of Respondent], Respondent, filed a Waiver of Service, and has agreed to the terms of this Final Order in Suit to Modify Parent-Child Relationship, as indicated by [Name of Respondent]'s signature below.}

*{Respondent waived service and did not appear:* [Name of Respondent], Respondent, filed a Waiver of Service, and did not otherwise appear.}

*{Respondent made general appearance but did not appear: [Name of Respondent],*  
Respondent, made a general appearance, and after due notification of [this hearing  
date/the trial setting], failed to appear and has defaulted.}

*{Respondent made a general appearance and agreed to terms: [Name of Respondent],*  
Respondent, made a general appearance and, to the extent permitted by law, has agreed  
to the terms of this Final Order in Suit to Modify Parent-Child Relationship, as indicated by  
[Name of Respondent]'s signature below.}

*{Attorney Ad Litem for child: [Name of ad litem],* appointed by this Court as attorney  
ad litem for the child[ren] in this suit, appeared on behalf of the child[ren]. *{Agreed Order:*  
The attorney ad litem for the child[ren] agrees to the terms of this Final Order, as  
indicated by the representative's signature below.}}

*{Attorney Ad Litem for Petitioner/Respondent: [Name of ad litem],* appointed by this  
Court as attorney ad litem for [Name of represented Petitioner/Respondent], appeared on  
behalf of [Name of represented Petitioner/Respondent]. *{Agreed Order:* The attorney ad  
litem for [Name of represented Petitioner/Respondent] agrees to the terms of this Final  
Order, as indicated by the representative's signature below.}}

*{Guardian Ad Litem for children: [Name of guardian ad litem],* appointed by this  
Court as guardian ad litem for the child[ren] in this suit, appeared on behalf of the  
child[ren]. *{Agreed Order:* The guardian ad litem for the child[ren] agrees to the terms of  
this Final Order, as indicated by the representative's signature below.}}

*{Amicus Attorney: [Name of amicus],* appointed by this Court as amicus attorney to  
provide legal services to assist the Court in protecting the best interests of the child[ren],  
appeared in this suit. *{Agreed Order:* The amicus attorney agrees to the terms of this Final  
Order, as indicated by the representative's signature below.}}

*{Record waived: **Record Waived***

A record was waived by the parties with the consent of the Court.}

*{Record made: **Record Made***

A record of the testimony and proceedings was made by the [Court/court reporter for this Court].}

## **Jury**

*{Jury was waived: A jury was waived and all questions of fact and of law were submitted to the Court.}*

*{Jury was not waived: A jury having been selected and sworn, questions of fact were submitted to it, and its verdict was returned and filed.}*

## **Jurisdiction**

The Court finds that the pleadings are proper and citation was properly served on all necessary parties as required by law. The Court, having examined the pleadings and having heard the evidence and argument of counsel, finds that no other court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over this suit and that it has jurisdiction over the parties and matters in this proceeding.

## **Children of the Suit**

The Court finds that the following child[ren] [is/are] the subject of this suit:

Name	Gender	Birth Date
<i>{list each child}</i>		

## Findings

*{Change in circumstances for children: The Court finds that the circumstances of the child[ren] have materially and substantially changed since the date of the {Original order not based on written settlement agreement: rendition of the Order} {Original order is based on written settlement agreement: signing of a mediated or collaborative law settlement agreement on which the Order is based.}}*

*{Change in circumstances for conservator: The Court finds that the circumstances of a conservator of the child[ren] have materially and substantially changed since the date of the {Original order not based on written settlement agreement: rendition of the Order} {Original order is based on written settlement agreement: signing of a mediated or collaborative law settlement agreement on which the Order is based}.}*

*{Change in circumstances for affected party: The Court finds that the circumstances of a party affected by the Order have materially and substantially changed since the date of the {Original order not based on written settlement agreement: rendition of the Order} {Original order is based on written settlement agreement: signing of a mediated or collaborative law settlement agreement on which the Order is based}.}*

*{Preference expressed by child (loop for children who expressed preference): The Court finds that [Name of child who expressed preference] has expressed to the Court in chambers as provided by Section 153.009 of the Texas Family Code the name of the person who is the child's preference to have the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child.}*

*{Possession relinquished: The Court finds that [Name of conservator who relinquished possession], the conservator who has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren], has voluntarily relinquished the primary care and*

possession of the child[ren] to another person for at least six months. The Court further finds that [Name of conservator who relinquished possession] has not temporarily relinquished the primary care and possession of the child[ren] to another person during military deployment, military mobilization, or temporary military duty, as those terms are defined by Section 153.701 of the Texas Family Code.}

*{Findings of death of conservator:* The Court finds that [Name of conservator who died], [a joint managing conservator/ the sole managing conservator/ the possessory conservator], died on [date], causing a material and substantial change related to the [conservatorship/possession and access] of the child[ren] sufficient to justify a modification of the previous order.}

*{Conviction for continual sexual abuse:* The Court finds that [Name(s) of parties convicted of continued sexual abuse] [was/were] convicted of an offense under Section 21.02 of the Texas Penal Code.}

*{Conviction for indecency with a child:* The Court finds that [Name(s) of parties convicted of indecency with a child] [was/were] convicted or received deferred adjudication for an offense involving the abuse of a child under Section 21.11 of the Texas Penal Code.}

*{Conviction for sexual assault:* The Court finds that [Name(s) of parties convicted of sexual assault] [was/were] convicted or received deferred adjudication for an offense involving the abuse of a child under Section 22.011 of the Texas Penal Code.}

*{Conviction for aggravated sexual assault:* The Court finds that [Name(s) of parties convicted of aggravated sexual assault] [was/were] convicted or received deferred adjudication for an offense involving the abuse of a child under Section 22.021 of the Texas Penal Code.}



*{Conviction for family violence: The Court finds that [Name(s) of parties convicted of family violence] [was/were] convicted or received deferred adjudication for an offense involving family violence.}*

*{Modification of residence within one year of prior order: The Court finds that the suit seeking to modify was filed not later than one year after the {Original order not based on written settlement agreement: rendition of the Order} {Original order is based on written settlement agreement: signing of a mediated or collaborative law settlement agreement on which the Order is based}.}*

*{Change of residence within one year because of dangerous environment: The Court finds that the child[ren]'s present environment may endanger the child[ren]'s physical health or significantly impair the child[ren]'s emotional development.}*

*{Change of residence within one year because primary conservator consents: The Court finds that [primary conservator], the person who has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren], consents to the modification requested by [Movant(s)] and the modification is in the best interest of the child[ren].}*

*{Change of residence within one year because its in the best interest of the child: The Court finds that [primary conservator] is the person who has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren] and the modification is in the best interest of the child[ren].}*

*{Change of residence within one year because of relinquished possession: The Court finds that [conservator who relinquished possession], the person who has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren], has voluntarily relinquished the primary care and possession of the child[ren] to another person for at least six months and the modification is in the best interest of the child[ren]. The Court further finds that [conservator who relinquished possession] has not temporarily relinquished the primary*

care and possession of the child[ren] to another person as the result of a military deployment, military mobilization, or temporary military duty, as those terms are defined by Section 153.701 of the Texas Family Code.}

*{Risk of international abduction:* The Court finds that there is credible evidence indicating a potential risk of the international abduction of the child[ren] of this suit by [party at risk for abducting child].}

*{More than 3 years since order, differs by 20% or \$100:* The Court finds that it has been three years since the Order was rendered or last modified and the monthly amount of the child support award under the Order differs by either 20 percent or \$100 from the amount that would be awarded in accordance with the child support guidelines.}

*{Obligors released from incarceration:* The Court finds that [Name of obligor released from incarceration] was released from incarceration and the child support obligation was abated, reduced, or suspended during the period of the incarceration.}

*{Support does not conform to guidelines:* The Court finds that the amount of support contained in the Order does not substantially conform with the guidelines for single and multiple families under Chapter 154 of the Texas Family Code.

*{Duty to support children in more than one household:* The Court finds that [obligor] has the duty to support children in more than one household.}}

*{Voluntary relinquishment of possession:* The Court finds that [Name conservator who relinquished possession], the conservator who has the exclusive right to determine the primary residence of the child, has voluntarily relinquished the primary care and possession of the child[ren] and [person with possession of children] has had physical possession of the child[ren] for at least six months.}

*{Possession relinquished due to incarceration: The Court finds that [conservator who relinquished possession], the conservator who has the exclusive right to determine the primary residence of the child[ren], has been incarcerated or sentenced to be incarcerated for at least 90 days and [person with possession of children] has had physical possession of the child[ren] for at least six months.}*

*{Relinquishment of possession in proceeding: The Court finds that [conservator who relinquished possession], the conservator who has the exclusive right to determine the primary residence of the child[ren], has relinquished the primary care and possession of the child[ren] in a proceeding under Title 3 or Chapter 262 of the Texas Family Code and [person with possession of children] has had physical possession of the child[ren] for at least six months.}*

*{Child enrolled in high school: {Child in accredited secondary school: The Court finds that [name of child] is over 18 years of age and is enrolled under Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code in an accredited secondary school program leading toward a high school diploma and is complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Chapter 25, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code.}*

*{Child enrolled in joint high school/junior college: The Court finds that [name of child] is over 18 years of age and is enrolled under Section 130.008 of the Texas Education Code in courses for joint high school and junior college credit and is complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Chapter 25, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code.}*

*{Child enrolled in private secondary school: The Court finds that [name of child] is over 18 years of age and is enrolled on a full-time basis in a private secondary school program leading toward a high school diploma and is complying with the minimum attendance requirements imposed by the school.}}*

*{Obligor incarcerated more than 180 days:* The Court finds that [name of obligor incarcerated], a child support obligor, is incarcerated in a local, state, or federal jail or prison for a period exceeding 180 days, causing a material and substantial change of circumstances related to child support sufficient to justify a modification of the previous order.}

*{Health coverage not included in original order:* The Court finds the Title IV-D agency for Texas obtained the child support order in this suit without the health care coverage provisions required by Section 154.182 of the Texas Family Code.}

*{Other reason for medical support modification:* The Court finds that [Other reason for medical support modification]}

*{No statutory grounds but parties agree:* The Court finds that the parties have reached an independent agreement to the modification of the order.}

*{History of violence, abuse, or neglect:*

*{History or pattern of abuse:* The Court finds that [Name of person with supervised visitation] has a history or pattern of [past/present/past and present] [physical abuse/sexual abuse/child neglect/or any combination] directed against [Name of person subject to the abuse]. The Court finds that awarding [Name of person with supervised visitation] access to the child[ren], however, would not endanger the child[ren]'s physical health or emotional welfare and would be in the best interest of the child[ren]}

*{History of family violence:* The Court finds that [Name of person with supervised visitation] has a history or pattern of committing family violence during the two year period preceding the filing of this suit or during the pendency of this suit. The Court finds that awarding [Name of person with supervised visitation] access to the child[ren],

however, would not endanger the child[ren]'s physical health or emotional welfare and would be in the best interest of the child[ren].}}

### **Modification Granted**

The Court finds that the allegations in the Petition to Modify Parent-Child Relationship have merit and that the modifications requested by [Movant(s)] are in the best interests of the child[ren]. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Petition to Modify Parent-Child Relationship is **GRANTED**.

#### *{optional: Parenting Plan*

*{Agreed: The Court finds that the parties have agreed on a final parenting plan and that a written agreed parenting plan has been filed with the Court. After consideration of all facts of this suit and the best interests of the child[ren], the Court finds that the agreed parenting plan is in the best interests of the child[ren].}*

*{Court Ordered Parenting Plan: After consideration of all facts of this suit, the arguments of the parties, and the best interests of the child[ren], the Court finds that the parties have not submitted a parenting plan that is in the best interests of the child[ren], and a court-ordered parenting plan is in the best interests of the child[ren].}*

Accordingly, the Court finds that the provisions in this Order setting out the rights and duties of the parties in relation to the child[ren], providing for periods of possession of and access to the child[ren], providing for child support, and optimizing the development of a close and continuing relationship between each parent and the child[ren], shall serve as the parenting plan required by Section 153.603 of the Texas Family Code.}}

## Modifications

**IT IS ORDERED** that the [Title of the original Order] signed on [date], *{Transfer from another jurisdiction: in Cause Number [Cause number], in the [Court designation], [County] County, [State] and recorded at volume [number], page [number] in the Court minutes}* is modified and rendered as stated below. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any provisions not modified remain in full force and effect until otherwise modified by Court Order.

### **{Modification of Rights and Duties**

*{if JMC with no right to designate primary residence: IT IS ORDERED* that neither conservator shall have the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren]. The primary residence of the child[ren] shall be maintained within [area where primary residence is limited].*}*

*{Rights modified for primary conservator: IT IS ORDERED* that [primary conservator], as joint managing conservator, has the following modified rights and duties as stated below: *select all that apply:*

*{JMC with right to designate primary residence: (a) the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren] {Limitation of primary residence: within [area where primary residence is limited]}{No limitation of primary residence: without regard to geographic area;}}*

(b) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment involving invasive procedures *{if tiebreaker: , and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are ORDERED to comply with the recommendation of the medical, dental, or surgical professional providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is*

**ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(c) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to psychiatric and psychological treatment *{if tie-breaker: , and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are* **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation;}

(d) the exclusive right to receive and give receipt for periodic payments for the support of the child[ren] and to hold or disburse these funds for the benefit of the child[ren];

(e) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];

(f) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to marriage and to enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;

(g) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to make decisions concerning the child[ren]'s education *{if tie-breaker: , and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are* **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the school counselor; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is

**ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(h) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;

(i) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;

(j) the [exclusive right/right, with other conservator's agreement/right, independent of other conservator] to apply for [a] passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s];

(k) the [exclusive right/right, with other conservator's agreement/right, independent of other conservator] to manage the estate[s] of the child[ren];}

*{If JMC Rights of Non-Primary Conservator: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of Non Primary Conservator], as joint managing conservator, has the following modified rights and duties as stated below: *select all that apply*

(a) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment involving invasive procedures *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of



the medical, dental, or surgical professional providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(b) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to psychiatric and psychological treatment *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(c) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];

(d) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to marriage and to enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;

(e) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to make decisions concerning the child[ren]'s education *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the school counselor; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

- (f) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;
- (g) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;
- (h) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to apply for [a] passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s]; and
- (i) the [exclusive right/right, with primary conservator's agreement/right, independent of primary conservator] to manage the estate[s] of the child[ren].}

{Change in Conservators or type of conservatorship: **Modification of Conservatorship**

**{Joint Managing Conservators**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] are appointed joint managing conservators of [Names of children].

**{Sole Managing Conservator [and Possessory Conservator[s]]**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] is appointed sole managing conservator *{if there is a possessory: and [non primary conservator(s)] [is/are] appointed possessory conservator[s] of [list of children].*

## **Primary Residence of Child[ren]**

*{Primary has exclusive right to designate: **IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren] { within [area where primary residence is limited]/without regard to geographic area}.}}*

*{Neither JMC has exclusive right to designate: **IT IS ORDERED** that neither conservator is granted the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren].*

*The primary residence of the child[ren] shall be maintained within [area].}*

*{If geographic restriction: [Primary conservator is/the parties are] enjoined from changing the child[ren]'s primary residence to be outside [area] unless both parties file a written agreement with the Court or a court of continuing jurisdiction modifies this Order to allow that change.*

*{If lifting geographic restriction: The Court finds that the parties presently reside in the geographic area described above. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if [non primary conservator] does not reside in that geographic area, then the exclusive right of [primary conservator] to designate the child[ren]'s primary residence shall be without geographic restriction.}}*

## *{Joint Managing Conservator: **Rights and Duties at All Times***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [list of conservators] as parent joint managing conservators shall have the following rights and duties at all times:

- (a) the right to receive information from any other conservator of the child[ren] concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];
- (b) the right to confer with the other conservator to the extent possible before making a decision concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];

- (c) the right of access to medical, dental, psychological, and educational records of the child[ren];
- (d) the right to consult with a physician, dentist, or psychologist of the child[ren];
- (e) the right to consult with school officials concerning the child[ren]'s welfare and educational status, including school activities;
- (f) the right to attend school activities, including school lunches, performances, and field trips;
- (g) the right to be designated on the child[ren]'s records as a person to be notified in case of an emergency;
- (h) the right to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment during an emergency involving an immediate danger to the health and safety of the child[ren];
- (i) the right to manage the [estate/estates] of the child[ren];
- (j) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] in a timely manner of significant information concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];
- (k) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] if the conservator resides with for at least 30 days, marries, or intends to marry a person who the conservator knows is registered as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Code of Criminal Procedure or is currently charged with an offense for which on conviction the person would be required to register under that chapter. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 40th day after the date the conservator of the child[ren] begins to reside with the person or the 10th day after the date the marriage

occurs, as appropriate. **IT IS ORDERED** that the notice must include a description of the offense that is the basis of the person's requirement to register as a sex offender or of the offense with which the person is charged;

(l) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] if the conservator:

(i) establishes a residence with a person the conservator knows is the subject of a final protective order sought by an individual other than the conservator, that is in effect on the date residence is established. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 30th day after the date the conservator of the child[ren] begins to reside with the person who is the subject of a final protective order;

(ii) resides with, or allows unsupervised access to a child, by a person who is the subject of a final protective order sought by the conservator after the expiration of the 60-day period following the date the final protective order is issued. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 90th day after the date the final protective order was issued;

(iii) is the subject of a final protective order issued after the date of the order establishing conservatorship. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 30th day after the date the final protective order was issued.

**WARNING: A CONSERVATOR COMMITS AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR IF THE CONSERVATOR FAILS TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE NOTICES.}**

### **Rights and Duties During Periods of Possession**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [list of conservators] as parent joint managing conservators shall each have the following rights and duties during their respective periods of possession of the child[ren]:

- (a) the duty of care, control, protection, and reasonable discipline of the child[ren];
- (b) the duty to support the child[ren], including providing the child[ren] with clothing, food, shelter, and medical and dental care not involving an invasive procedure;
- (c) the right to consent for the child[ren] to medical and dental care not involving an invasive procedure; and
- (d) the right to direct the moral and religious training of the child[ren].

**Additional Rights of [primary conservator]**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] as a parent joint managing conservator has the following additional rights with respect to the child[ren]:

- (a) the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren];}
- (b) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment involving invasive procedures<sup>{if tiebreaker:, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the medical, dental, or surgical professional providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};</sup>

- (c) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to psychiatric and psychological treatment *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};
- (d) the exclusive right to receive and give receipt for periodic payments for the support of the child[ren] and to hold or disburse these funds for the benefit of the child[ren];
- (e) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];
- (f) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to consent to marriage and to the child[ren]'s enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;
- (g) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to make decisions concerning the child[ren]'s education *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the school counselor; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(h) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;

(i) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;

(j) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to apply for [a] passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s];

(k) the [exclusive right/ right, with other conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of other conservator] to manage the estate[s] of the child[ren];

*{If the primary conservator does not have all exclusive rights: **Additional Rights of [Name of Non Primary Conservator]***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Non Primary Conservator] as a parent joint managing conservator has the following rights with respect to the child[ren]:

(a) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment involving invasive procedures *{if tiebreaker:}*, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the medical, dental, or surgical professional providing the treatment; the



conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(b) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to psychiatric and psychological treatment *{if tiebreaker: , and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are* **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist providing the treatment; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

(c) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];

(d) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to consent to marriage and to enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;

(e) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to make decisions concerning the child[ren]'s education *{if tiebreaker:, and if the parties cannot agree, then the parties are* **ORDERED** to comply with the recommendation of the school counselor; the conservator not in agreement with the recommendation of that professional is **ENJOINED** from taking any act to frustrate compliance with, and implementation of, that recommendation};

- (f) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;
- (g) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;
- (h) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to apply for [a] passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s];
- (i) the [exclusive right/ right, with primary conservator's agreement]/ right, independent of primary conservator] to manage the estate[s] of the child[ren];}}

***{SMC: Rights and Duties at All Times***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] as parent sole managing conservator *{if there is a possessory conservator:* and [Name of Non Primary Conservator]} and a parent possessory conservator] shall have the following rights and duties at all times:

*{if there is a possessory conservator:* (a) the right to receive information from any other conservator of the child[ren] concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];

(b) the right to confer with the other conservator to the extent possible before making a decision concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];}

(c) the right of access to medical, dental, psychological, and educational records of the child[ren]

(d) the right to consult with a physician, dentist, or psychologist of the child[ren]

(e) the right to consult with school officials concerning the child[ren]'s welfare and educational status, including school activities;

(d) the right to attend school activities, including school lunches, performances, and field trips;

(e) the right to be designated on the child[ren]'s records as a person to be notified in case of an emergency;

(f) the right to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment during an emergency involving an immediate danger to the health and safety of the child[ren];

(g) the right to manage the [estate/estates] of the child[ren];

*{If there is a possessory conservator: (g) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] in a timely manner of significant information concerning the health, education, and welfare of the child[ren];*

(h) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] if the conservator resides with for at least 30 days, marries, or intends to marry a person who the conservator knows is registered as a sex offender under Chapter 62 of the Code of Criminal Procedure or is currently charged with an offense for which on

conviction the person would be required to register under that chapter. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 40th day after the date the conservator of the child[ren] begins to reside with the person or the 10th day after the date the marriage occurs, as appropriate. **IT IS ORDERED** that the notice must include a description of the offense that is the basis of the person's requirement to register as a sex offender or of the offense with which the person is charged;

(i) the duty to inform the other conservator of the child[ren] if the conservator:

(i) establishes a residence with a person the conservator knows is the subject of a final protective order sought by an individual other than the conservator, that is in effect on the date residence is established. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 30th day after the date the conservator of the child[ren] begins to reside with the person who is the subject of a final protective order;

(ii) resides with, or allows unsupervised access to a child, by a person who is the subject of a final protective order sought by the conservator after the expiration of the 60-day period following the date the final protective order is issued. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 90th day after the date the final protective order was issued;

(iii) is the subject of a final protective order issued after the date of the order establishing conservatorship. **IT IS ORDERED** that this required notice must be made as soon as practicable, but not later than the 30th day after the date the final protective order was issued;

**WARNING: A CONSERVATOR COMMITS AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS C MISDEMEANOR IF THE CONSERVATOR FAILS TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE NOTICES.}**

### **Rights and Duties During Periods of Possession**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] as parent possessory conservator *{If there is a possessory conservator:}* and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] each} have the following rights and duties during *{No possessory conservator:}* their respective} periods of possession of the child[ren]:

- (a) the duty of care, control, protection, and reasonable discipline of the child[ren];
- (b) the duty to support the child[ren], including providing the child[ren] with clothing, food, shelter, and medical and dental care not involving an invasive procedure;
- (c) the right to consent for the child[ren] to medical and dental care not involving an invasive procedure; and
- (d) the right to direct the moral and religious training of the child[ren].

### **Additional Rights of [primary conservator]**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] as parent sole managing conservator has the following additional rights with respect to the child[ren]:

- (a) the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren]  
*{Limitation of primary residence:}* within [area where primary residence is limited]}  
*{No limitation of primary residence:}* without regard to geographic area};

- (b) the exclusive right to consent to medical, dental, and surgical treatment involving invasive procedures;
- (c) the exclusive right to consent to psychiatric and psychological treatment;
- (d) the exclusive right to receive and give receipt for periodic payments for the support of the child[ren] and to hold or disburse these funds for the benefit of the child[ren];
- (e) the exclusive right to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];
- (f) the exclusive right to consent to marriage and to enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;
- (g) the exclusive right to make decisions concerning the child[ren]'s education;
- (h) the exclusive right to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;
- (i) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the exclusive right to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;
- (j) the exclusive right to apply for [a] passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s];
- (k) the exclusive right to manage the estate[s] of the child[ren];}

*{Nonparent Sole Managing Conservator: **Rights of [primary conservator] As Nonparent Sole Managing Conservator***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator], as a nonparent sole managing conservator, shall have the following rights and duties:

- (a) the right to have physical possession and to direct the moral and religious training of the child[ren];
- (b) the duty of care, control, protection, and reasonable discipline of the child[ren];
- (c) the duty to provide the child[ren] with clothing, food, shelter, education, and medical, psychological, and dental care;
- (d) the right to consent to medical, psychiatric, psychological, dental, and surgical treatment and to have access to the child[ren]'s medical records;
- (e) the right to receive and give receipt for payments for the support of the child[ren] and to hold or disburse these funds for the benefit of the child[ren];
- (f) the right to the services and earnings of the child[ren], except as provided by Section 264.0111 of the Texas Family Code;
- (g) the right to consent to marriage and to the child[ren]'s enlistment in the armed forces of the United States;
- (h) the right to represent the child[ren] in legal action and to make other decisions of substantial legal significance concerning the child[ren];
- (i) except when a guardian of the child[ren]'s estate[s] or a guardian or attorney ad litem has been appointed for the child[ren], the right to act as an agent of the child[ren] in relation to the child[ren]'s estate[s] if the child[ren]'s action is required by a state, the United States, or a foreign government;
- (j) the right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren] and to make decisions regarding the child[ren]'s education;

- (k) if the parent-child relationship has been terminated with respect to the parents, or only living parent, or if there is no living parent, the right to consent to the adoption of the child[ren] and to make any other decision concerning the child[ren] that a parent could make; and
- (l) the right to apply for passport[s] for the child[ren], renew the child[ren]'s passport[s], and maintain possession of the child[ren]'s passport[s].

### **Report of Nonparent Sole Managing Conservator**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 153.375 of the Texas Family Code, every 12 months after the appointment, [primary conservator], as a nonparent appointed as managing conservator of the child[ren], shall file with the Court a report of facts concerning the child[ren]'s welfare, including the child[ren]'s whereabouts and physical condition.}}

*{if JMC: **Minimizing Disruptions***

**IT IS ORDERED** that the parties will provide a safe, stable, and nonviolent environment for the child[ren] and will make reasonable attempts to assure that the child[ren] will have frequent and continuing contact, communications and visitation between and among each parent and child to optimize the development of a close and continuing parent-child relationship while minimizing disruption of [the/each] child's education, daily [routine/routines], and association with friends.

*{JMC, if custom minimizing disruptions added: **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Custom provisions for minimizing disruptions]}*



*{Limitation of primary residence without change in conservatorship: **Geographic***  
**Limitations on Primary Residence of Child[ren]**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that *{JMC with right to designate primary residence: [primary conservator]* has the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of the child[ren] within [area where primary residence is limited] and *}* the parties shall not move or attempt to move *{JMC with right to designate primary residence: such}{Neither conservator has exclusive right: the child[ren]'s}* primary residence outside of [area where primary residence is limited] without first obtaining modification of this restriction by the Court of continuing jurisdiction over this cause or by written agreement signed by both parties and filed with the Court of continuing jurisdiction.

*{Lift geographic restriction: **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED*** that the geographic restriction described above shall be lifted if [Name of Non Primary Conservator] ceases to reside in [area where primary residence is limited].*}}*

*{Possession and access modification: **Best Interests***

The Court finds that the following orders are in the best interests of the child[ren] of this suit.

*{Supervised Visitation: **Supervised Visitation***

In accordance with the findings of the Court: *{Select all that apply}*

(a) **IT IS ORDERED** that the periods of access between [Name of person with supervised visitation] and the child[ren], [Names of children], shall be continuously supervised by [Name of person or agency to supervise visitation] or an entity or person chosen by the Court.

(b) **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of person with supervised visitation] shall have continuously supervised access to the child[ren], [Names of children], [on the following days and times:/on the days and times established by] [days and times].

(c) **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all exchanges of possession of the child[ren] shall occur in a protective setting [chosen by/located at] [Name of person or agency to supervise visitation/Description and address of location of exchange].

(d) **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of person with supervised visitation] shall abstain from the consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance within 12 hours prior to or during the period of access to the child[ren].

(e) **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of person with supervised visitation] shall attend and complete a [battering intervention and prevention program at/course of treatment under Section 153.010 of the Texas Family Code with] [Name and address of program ordered to attend/Name and address of mental health provider] and provide proof of attendance and [program/treatment] completion within [Number of days in which to complete program or treatment] days from the date of this Order.

(f) **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of person with supervised visitation] shall be subject to [supervised access/ possession exchanges in a protective setting/ abstinence from consumption of alcohol or controlled substances/ attendance in an intervention and prevention program] based on the following: [Reasons for supervised visitation]

(g) **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that these orders regarding [Name of person with supervised visitation]'s supervised visitation with the child[ren] shall remain in effect until [Date supervised visit will cease/determining factors that will cause the end of the supervised visit/further orders of this court].}

*{Possession Order: {PO attached: **Possession of and Access to the Child[ren]***

**IT IS ORDERED** that the conservators shall have possession of the child[ren] at times mutually agreed to in advance by the conservators, and in the absence of mutual agreement, the conservators shall have possession of the child[ren] under the specified terms set out in the [Extended/Standard] Possession Order attached to this Order.

{SPO in Modification: **Possession and Access**

### **Definitions**

As used in this Order, the following words have these meanings:

- (a) "Child" includes each individual who is a subject of this suit that is under the age of eighteen years or not otherwise emancipated.
- (b) "School" means the elementary or secondary school in which the child is enrolled, or if the child is not enrolled in an elementary or secondary school, the public school district in which the child primarily resides.

### **Possession Orders**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the conservators shall have possession of the child at times mutually agreed to in advance by the conservators, and in the absence of mutual agreement, the conservators shall have possession of the child under the specified terms set out in this Order.

{Alternate weeks (50-50 possession) The Court finds that it is the intent of the parties to avoid one parent having possession of the child for significantly more than two consecutive weeks. **IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, the conservators shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Alternating Weeks During the School Year.

(i) [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child every other week, beginning on Monday, at the time the child's school begins or 8:00 a.m. if school is not in session, starting Monday, [date primary conservator's possession begins], and ending at the time the child's school resumes on the following Monday or 8:00 a.m. if school is not in session.

(ii) [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child every other week, beginning on Monday, at the time the child's school begins or 8:00 a.m. if school is not in session, starting Monday, [date possession by non-primary conservator(s) begins], and ending at the time the child's school resumes on the following Monday or 8:00 a.m. if school is not in session.

(b) Resumption of Alternating Weekly Possession Periods. **IT IS ORDERED** that upon the conclusion of either conservator's holiday [or spring break] period of possession, the alternating weekly periods of possession shall resume, with the conservator not in possession of the child at the end of the holiday [or spring break] period to take possession of the child for the first alternating weekly period of possession following the said holiday [or spring break] period of possession.

(c) Summer Possession. **IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, [primary conservator] and [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child during the summer months as follows:

(i) Alternating Every Two Weeks in Even-Numbered Years. [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday following the child's school being dismissed for the summer holiday and ending at 8:00 a.m. on the second following Monday. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the third Monday following the child's school being dismissed for the summer holiday and ending at 8:00 a.m. two weeks later.

(ii) Alternating Every Two Weeks in Odd-Numbered Years. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the first Monday following the child's school

being dismissed for the summer holiday and ending at 8:00 a.m. on the second following Monday. [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the third Monday following the child's school being dismissed for the summer holiday and ending at 8:00 a.m. two weeks later.

**IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, these summer periods of possession shall end and the parties shall resume their alternating weeks schedule as outlined above beginning the Monday of the first full week of school and the conservator not in possession of the child for summer possession shall take possession of the child for the first alternating school week.

*{Alternating years for spring break (d) Spring Vacation. [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child in even-numbered years beginning at [beginning time for spring break possession] for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child in odd-numbered years beginning at [beginning time for spring break possession] for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.}*

### *{2-2-3 Schedule: **Weekends***

(a) Except as specifically designated in this Possession Order, [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child on regular weekends as follows:

Every other weekend, beginning [first date of primary conservator's weekend possession], and continuing on alternating Fridays of each month, beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Friday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on the following Monday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

(b) Except as specifically designated in this Possession Order, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child on regular weekends as follows:

Every other weekend, beginning [first date of weekend possession by non-primary conservator(s)], and continuing on alternating Fridays of each month, beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Friday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on the following Monday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

### **Weekdays**

(a) Except as specifically designated in this Possession Order, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child on regular weekdays as follows:

(i) Mondays and Tuesdays: Every other Monday and Tuesday, beginning on [first date of Monday-Tuesday possession by non-primary conservator(s)], beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Monday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes for exchange] on Wednesday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

(ii) Wednesday and Thursdays: Every other Wednesday and Thursday, beginning on [first date Wednesday-Thursday possession by non-primary conservator(s) will begin], beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Wednesday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes for exchange] on Friday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

(b) Except as specifically designated in this Possession Order, [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child on regular weekdays as follows:

(i) Mondays and Tuesdays: Every other Monday and Tuesday, beginning on [first date of primary conservator's Monday-Tuesday possession], beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Monday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes for exchange] on Wednesday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

(ii) Wednesday and Thursdays: Every other Wednesday and Thursday, beginning on [first date of primary conservator's Wednesday-Thursday possession], beginning at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes] on Wednesday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school, and ending at the time the child's school [is regularly dismissed/regularly resumes for exchange] on Friday [afternoon/morning], or at [time of exchange when child not in school] if the child is not in school.

**IT IS ORDERED** that in calculating the periods of possession for regular weekends and weekdays, the periods shall continue to count for the purposes of alternating them even if they are superseded by Spring Break, Extended Summer, or Holiday periods of possession.

### **Spring Break**

(a) Notwithstanding the regular weekend and weekday for possession periods ordered herein, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession in even-numbered years, beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed from school for the school's spring vacation and ending at the time school resumes after that vacation.

(b) Notwithstanding the regular weekend and weekday for possession periods ordered herein, [primary conservator] shall have possession in

odd-numbered years, beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed from school for the school's spring vacation and ending at the time school resumes after that vacation.

### **Extended Periods of Summer Possession**

Notwithstanding the regular weekend and weekday for possession periods ordered herein, the conservators shall have a right to possession as follows:

Extended summer possession periods may begin no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for summer vacation and end no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of summer vacation in that year. Unless otherwise agreed upon, all extended summer possession periods shall begin and end at 6 p.m.

#### (a) Odd-Numbered Years

(i) If [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] written notice by May 1 in an odd-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days as specified in the written notice{*conservator to exercise father's day is primary conservator: , provided that the period does not interfere with Father's Day*}.}

(ii) If [non-primary conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [primary conservator] written notice by May 1 in an odd-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days in that year beginning on July 1 and ending on July 8.

(iii) If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by May 15 in an odd-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days as specified in the notice, provided that the period of extended summer possession does not interfere with [non-primary conservator(s)]'s period of



extended summer possession in that year{*conservator to exercise father's day is non-primary conservator: or with Father's Day*}.

(iv) If [primary conservator] does not give [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by May 15 in an odd-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days in that year beginning on July 15 and ending on July 22.

(b) Even-Numbered Years

(i) If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by May 1 in an even-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days as specified in the written notice{*conservator to exercise father's day is non-primary conservator: , provided that the period does not interfere with Father's Day*}.

(ii) If [primary conservator] does not give [non-primary possessory conservator(s)] written notice by May 1 in an even-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days in that year beginning on July 1 and ending on July 8.

(iii) If [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] written notice by May 15 in an even-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days as specified in the notice, provided that the period of extended summer possession does not interfere with [primary conservator]'s period of extended summer possession in that year{*conservator to exercise father's day is primary conservator: or with Father's Day*}.

(iv) If [non-primary conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [primary conservator] written notice by May 15 in an even-numbered year specifying an extended period of summer possession for that year, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for seven consecutive days in that year beginning on July 15 and ending on July 22.}

*{Split custody: IT IS ORDERED* that [first conservator] shall have possession of [children with first conservator] at all times not specifically designated for [second conservator(s)] and as set out elsewhere in this Order. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of [children with second conservator(s)] at all times not specifically designated for [first conservator] and as set out elsewhere in this Order.

## **Weekends and Weekdays**

### (a) Weekends

(i) During Regular School Term. On weekends during the regular school term, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on the first and third Friday of each month and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumed on Monday/custom time], and [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on the second and fourth Friday of each month and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumes on Monday/custom time].

(ii) Outside Regular School Term. On all other weekends throughout the year, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children beginning at [beginning time of weekend possession when school is not in session] on the first and third Friday of each month and ending at [end time of weekend possession when school is not in session], and [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children beginning at [beginning time of weekend possession when school is not in session] on the second and fourth Friday of each month and ending at [end time of weekend possession when school is not in session].

For months containing a fifth Friday, the following provision shall apply:

(iii) During Regular School Term. On fifth-Friday weekends during the regular school term, [first conservator] shall have possession of [children with second conservator(s)] beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on the fifth Friday of

each month and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumes on Monday/custom time], and [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of [children with first conservator] beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on the fifth Friday of each month and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumes on Monday/custom time].

(iv) Outside Regular School Term. On fifth-Friday weekends that do not occur during the regular school term, [first conservator] shall have possession of [children with second conservator(s)] beginning at [beginning time of weekend possession when school is not in session] on the fifth Friday of each month and ending at [end time of weekend possession when school is not in session], and [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of [children with first conservator] beginning at [beginning time of weekend possession when school is not in session] on the fifth Friday of each month and ending at [end time of weekend possession when school is not in session].

(b) Weekend Possession Extended by Holiday

(i) Friday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Friday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on Thursday. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Friday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall begin at [beginning time for weekend possession with Friday holiday when school is not in session] on Thursday.

(ii) Monday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Monday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/the time the child's school resumes on Tuesday/custom time]. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Monday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall end at [end time for weekend possession with Monday holiday when school not in session].

(c) Tuesdays. On Tuesday of each week during the regular school term, beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is dismissed/custom time] and ending at [8 p.m./the time the child's school resumes the next day/custom time], [first conservator] shall have possession of the children.

(d) Wednesdays. On Wednesday of each week during the regular school term, beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is dismissed/custom time] and ending at [8 p.m./the time the child's school resumes the next day/custom time], [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children.

### **Summer Possession**

(a) Extended Periods of Summer Possession

*{Specific beginning and ending dates for each year:* (i) Even-Numbered Years: In even-numbered years [first conservator] shall have possession of the children beginning on [beginning day of first session summer possession] at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on [ending day for first session summer session] at [transition time for summer possession] and [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children beginning on [beginning day of second session summer possession] at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on [ending day for second session summer possession] at [transition time for summer], provided that [second conservator(s)]'s possession does not interfere with [first conservator]'s period of extended summer possession.

(ii) Odd-Numbered Years: In odd-numbered years [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children beginning on [beginning day of first session summer possession] at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on [ending day for first session summer session] at [transition time for summer possession] and [first conservator] shall have possession of the children beginning on [beginning day of second session summer possession] at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on [ending day for second session summer possession] at [transition time for summer possession], provided that [second conservator(s)]'s possession does

not interfere with [first conservator]'s period of extended summer possession.}

*{With written notice, conservators choose beginning and ending dates each year: (i) Even-Numbered Years - With Written Notice by April 1. If [first conservator] gives [second conservator(s)] written notice by April 1 of each even-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children for 21 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 28 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each as specified in the written notice, with each period of possession beginning and ending at [transition time for summer possession]}*

(ii) Without Written Notice by April 1. If [first conservator] does not give [second conservator(s)] written notice by April 1 of each even-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children for 21 consecutive days beginning on June 22 at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on July 13 at [transition time for summer possession]

(iii) Even-Numbered Years - With Written Notice by May 1. If [second conservator(s)] give[s] [first conservator] written notice by May 1 of each even-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children for 21 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each as specified in the written notice, with each period of possession beginning and ending at [transition time for summer possession], provided that [second conservator(s)]'s possession does not interfere with [first conservator]'s period of extended summer possession.

(iv) Failure to Give Written Notice by May 1. If [second conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [first conservator] written notice by May 1 of each even-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of

summer possession, [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children for 21 consecutive days beginning at [transition time for summer possession] on July 13 and ending at [transition time for summer possession] on August 3. In the event that any of these prescribed dates for [second conservator(s)]'s possession conflict with days designated for extended period of summer possession by [first conservator], [second conservator(s)]'s extended period of summer possession shall begin at [transition time for summer possession] on the last day designated by [first conservator] and end 21 days later at [transition time for summer possession]

(i) Odd-Numbered Years - With Written Notice by April 1. If [second conservator(s)] give[s] [first conservator] written notice by April 1 of each odd-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children for 21 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 28 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each as specified in the written notice, with each period of possession beginning and ending at [transition time for summer possession]

(ii) Failure to Give Written Notice by April 1. If [second conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [first conservator] written notice by April 1 of each odd-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [second conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children for 21 consecutive days beginning on June 22 at [transition time for summer possession] and ending on July 13 at [transition time for summer possession]

(iii) Odd-Numbered Years - With Written Notice by May 1. If [first conservator] gives [second conservator(s)] written notice by May 1 of each odd-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children for 21 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each as specified in the written notice, with each period of possession beginning and ending at [transition time for

summer possession], provided that [first conservator]'s possession does not interfere with [second conservator(s)]'s period of extended summer possession.

(iv) Failure to Give Written Notice by May 1. If [first conservator] does not give [second conservator(s)] written notice by May 1 of each even-numbered year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [first conservator] shall have possession of the children for 21 consecutive days beginning at [transition time for summer possession] on July 13 and ending at [transition time for summer possession] on August 3. In the event that any of these prescribed dates for [first conservator]'s possession conflict with days designated for extended period of summer possession by [second conservator(s)], [first conservator]'s extended period of summer possession shall begin at [transition time for summer possession] on the last day designated by [second conservator(s)] and end 21 days later at [transition time for summer possession]}}

*{if 50 miles or less selected: **Conservators Who Reside 50 Miles or Less Apart***

**IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, when [non-primary conservator] resides 50 miles or less from the primary residence of the child[ren], [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child[ren] as follows:

(a) Weekends

(i) During Regular School Term. On weekends during the regular school term, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed on the *{No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first, third, and fifth Friday of each month}**{Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first and third Friday of each month and on every other fifth Friday (set out below)}* and ending at the time the child's school resumes after the weekend.

(ii) Outside Regular School Term. On all other weekends throughout the year, beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] on the {*No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week*: first, third, and fifth Friday of each month}{*Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week*: first and third Friday of each month and on every other fifth Friday (set out below)} and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/custom end time].

(b) Weekend Possession Extended by Holiday

(i) Friday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Friday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, [non-primary conservator(s)]'s weekend possession shall begin at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed on Thursday. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Friday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./custom start time] on Thursday.

(ii) Monday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Monday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, [non-primary conservator(s)]'s weekend possession shall end at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Monday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/custom end time].

(c) Thursdays. On Thursday of each week during the regular school term, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child beginning



at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed and ending at the time the child's school resumes on Friday.

(d) Spring Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child[ren] beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(e) Extended Periods of Summer Possession

(i) With Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator] gives [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for 30 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each, with each period of possession beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time]

(ii) Failure to Give Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child in that year, beginning at 6 p.m. on July 1 and ending at 6 p.m. on July 31.

(f) Thanksgiving Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for Thanksgiving holiday and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time] on [the Sunday following Thanksgiving/custom end date].

**IT IS ORDERED** that, when [non-primary conservator(s)] reside[s] 50 miles or less from the primary residence of the child, [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Spring Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child[ren] beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(b) Summer Weekend Possession. If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of each year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child on any one weekend beginning Friday at 6 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m. on the following Sunday during one period of the extended summer possession by [non-primary conservator(s)], provided that [primary conservator] picks up the child from [non-primary conservator(s)] and returns the child to that same place.

(c) Additional Summer Weekend Possession. If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of each year or gives [non-primary conservator(s)] 14 days written notice on or after April 16 of a year, [primary conservator] may designate one weekend

beginning no earlier than the day after [the/each] child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, during which an otherwise scheduled weekend period of possession by [non-primary conservator(s)] shall not take place in that year, provided that the weekend designated does not interfere with [non-primary conservator(s)]'s period or periods of extended summer possession.

(d) Location of Pickup and Return. Additionally, after receiving notice from [primary conservator] designating the summer weekend during which [primary conservator] is to have possession of the child, [non-primary conservator(s)], not later than the 15th day before the Friday that begins that designated weekend, must give [primary conservator] written notice of the location at which [primary conservator] is to pick up and return the child[ren].

(e) Thanksgiving Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for Thanksgiving holiday and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time] on [the Sunday following Thanksgiving/custom end date].

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, when [non-primary conservator(s)] reside[s] 50 miles or less from the primary residence of the child, the conservators shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Christmas Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for Christmas

vacation and ending at [noon/custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date]. [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child in even-numbered years beginning at [noon/custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after Christmas.

(b) Christmas Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is dismissed for Christmas vacation and ending at [noon/custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date]. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child[ren] in odd-numbered years beginning at [noon/custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(c) Father's Day. [Name of conservator(s) exercising Father's Day possession]'s Father's Day period of possession of the child shall begin at 6 p.m. on the Friday preceding Father's Day and end at 8 a.m. on the Monday after Father's Day weekend. No extended summer or otherwise designated period of possession shall interfere with this Father's Day possession period.

(d) Mother's Day. [Name of conservator(s) exercising Mother's Day possession] shall have possession of the child beginning at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed on the Friday preceding Mother's Day and ending at the time the child's school resumes after Mother's Day.

(e) Child's Birthday. The conservator not otherwise entitled under this Order to present possession of a child on the child's birthday shall have

possession of the child beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. on that day, provided that the conservator picks up the child from the residence of the conservator entitled to possession and returns the child to that same place.}

### **Conservators Who Reside 100 Miles or Less Apart**

**IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, when [non-primary conservator(s)] reside[s] 100 miles or less *{SPO for conservators living less than 50 miles: , but more than 50 miles,}* from the primary residence of the child, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Weekends

(i) During Regular School Term. On weekends during the regular school term, beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on the *{No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first, third, and fifth Friday of each month}{Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first and third Friday of each month and on every other fifth Friday (set out below)}* and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumes on Monday/custom end time].

(ii) Outside Regular School Term. On all other weekends throughout the year, beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] on the *{No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first, third, and fifth Friday of each month}{Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first and third Friday of each month and on every other fifth Friday (set out below)}* and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/custom end time].

(b) Weekend Possession Extended by Holiday

(i) Friday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Friday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on Thursday. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Friday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./custom start time] on Thursday.

(ii) Monday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Monday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/8 a.m. on Tuesday/the time the child's school resumes on Tuesday/custom end time]. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Monday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/custom end time].

(c) Weekdays. On [Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday] of each week during the regular school term, beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is dismissed/custom start time] and ending at [the time the child's school resumes the next day/8 p.m./custom end time].

(d) Spring Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. In even-numbered years, beginning at [6 p.m. on the day school is dismissed/the time the child's school is dismissed/on the day the child's school is dismissed] for the

school's spring vacation] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(e) Extended Periods of Summer Possession

(i) With Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for 30 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each, with each period of possession beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time]

(ii) Failure to Give Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator(s)] [do/does] not give [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child[ren] in that year, beginning at 6 p.m. on July 1 and ending at 6 p.m. on July 31.

**IT IS ORDERED** that, when [non-primary conservator(s)] reside[s] 100 miles or less {*SPO for conservators living less than 50 miles;*, but more than 50 miles,} from the primary residence of the child, [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Spring Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. In odd-numbered years, beginning at [6 p.m. on the day school is dismissed for the school's spring

vacation/the time the child's school is dismissed for the school's spring vacation/on the day the child's school is dismissed for the school's spring vacation] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(b) Summer Weekend Possession. If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of each year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child on any one weekend beginning Friday at 6 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m. on the following Sunday during one period of the extended summer possession by [non-primary conservator(s)], provided that [primary conservator] picks up the child from [non-primary conservator(s)] and returns the child[ren] to that same place.

(c) Additional Summer Weekend Possession. If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of each year or gives [non-primary conservator(s)] 14 days written notice on or after April 16 of a year, [primary conservator] may designate one weekend beginning no earlier than the day after [the/each] child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, during which an otherwise scheduled weekend period of possession by [non-primary conservator(s)] shall not take place in that year, provided that the weekend designated does not interfere with [non-primary conservator(s)]'s period or periods of extended summer possession.

(d) Location of Pickup and Return. Additionally, after receiving notice from [primary conservator] designating the summer weekend during



which [primary conservator] is to have possession of the child, [non-primary conservator(s)], not later than the 15th day before the Friday that begins that designated weekend, must give [primary conservator] written notice of the location at which [primary conservator] is to pick up and return the child.

### **Conservators Who Reside Over 100 Miles Apart**

**IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, when [non-primary conservator] resides more than 100 miles from the residence of the child, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child as follows:

(a) Weekends

*{If Conservators currently live over 100 miles apart:*

*{Conservator does not elect possession one weekend per month: (i) During Regular School Term. On weekends during the regular school term, beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom time] on the{No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first, third, and fifth Friday of each month}{Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first and third Friday of each month and on every other fifth Friday (set out below)}and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/the time the child's school resumes on Monday/custom end time].*

*(ii) Outside Regular School Term. On all other weekends throughout the year, beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] on the {No alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first, third, and fifth [Thursday/Friday] of each month}{Alternate 5<sup>th</sup> week: first and third Friday of each month and on*

every other fifth [Thursday/Friday] (set out below)} and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/custom end time].}

*{Conservator does select one weekend per month: (iii) Provided that [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] 14 days written or telephonic notice preceding a designated weekend, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have the right to possession of the child not more than one weekend per month, of [non-primary conservator]'s choice, beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] on Friday and ending at [6 p.m. on Sunday/custom end time].}}*

*{If Conservators currently do not live over 100 miles apart:*

(iv) Alternate Weekend Option. In lieu of the alternating weekend possession schedule in the previous paragraphs, [non-primary conservator(s)] may elect to have possession of the child not more than one weekend per month of the [non-primary conservator(s)]'s choice beginning at 6 p.m. on the day school recesses for the weekend and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after the weekend, provided that [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] 14 days' written or telephonic notice preceding a designated weekend, and provided that [non-primary conservator(s)] elect[s] an option for this alternative period of possession by written notice given to [primary conservator] within 90 days after the parties begin to reside more than 100 miles apart. [non-primary conservator(s)] may not choose weekends under this alternate option that conflict with rights of possession granted to [primary conservator] in other parts of this Order.}

(b) Weekend Possession Extended by Holiday

(i) Friday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Friday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on Thursday. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Friday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall begin at [6 p.m./custom start time] on Thursday.

(ii) Monday Holidays. If a weekend period of possession coincides with a student holiday or teacher in-service day that falls on a Monday during the regular school term, as determined by the school in which the child is enrolled, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/8 a.m. on Tuesday/the time the child's school resumes on Tuesday/custom end time]. When a federal, state, or local holiday falls on a Monday during the summer months in which school is not in session, the weekend possession shall end at [6 p.m. on Monday/custom end time].

(c) Spring Vacation. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child every year beginning at [6 p.m. on the day school is dismissed/the time the child's school is dismissed/on the day the child's school is dismissed] for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(d) Extended Periods of Summer Possession

(i) With Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator(s)] give[s] [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child for 42 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child's school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than 7 days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least 7 consecutive days each, with each period of possession beginning at [6 p.m./custom start time] and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time].

(ii) Without Written Notice by April 1. If [non-primary conservator] does not give [primary conservator] written notice by April 1 of each year specifying an extended period or periods of summer possession, [non-primary conservator] shall have possession of the child for 42 consecutive days in that year beginning at 6 p.m. on June 15 and ending at 6 p.m. on July 27.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Possession Order, it is expressly **ORDERED** that [primary conservator] shall have right to possession of the child[ren] as follows:

(a) Summer Weekend Possession by [primary conservator] —

If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of a year, [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child on any one weekend beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday and ending at 6 p.m. on the following Sunday during any one period of possession by [non-primary conservator(s)] during [non-

primary conservator(s)]’s extended summer possession in that year, provided that if a period of possession by [non-primary conservator(s)] in that year exceeds 30 days, [primary conservator] may have possession of the child under the terms of this provision on any two nonconsecutive weekends during that period and provided that [primary conservator] picks up the child from [non-primary conservator(s)] and returns the child to that same place and that no weekend so designated interferes with Father’s Day possession.

(b) Extended Summer Possession by [primary conservator] —

If [primary conservator] gives [non-primary conservator(s)] written notice by April 15 of a year, [primary conservator] may designate 21 days beginning no earlier than the day after the child’s school is dismissed for the summer vacation and ending no later than seven days before school resumes at the end of the summer vacation in that year, to be exercised in no more than two separate periods of at least seven consecutive days each, during which [non-primary conservator(s)] shall not have possession of the child, provided that the period or periods so designated do not interfere with [non-primary conservator(s)]’s period or periods of extended summer possession or with Father’s Day possession. These periods of possession shall begin and end at 6 p.m. on each applicable day.

**{Fifth Fridays**

There are usually four months every year in which there are five Fridays. [primary conservator] and [non-primary conservator(s)] will alternate the weekends that begin on the fifth Friday of the month, beginning with [primary conservator]

having possession of the child the weekend beginning [date on which first fifth Friday possession will begin]. [non-primary conservator(s) shall have the next fifth Friday and the parties will alternate each fifth weekend thereafter in this same order, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.]

**Holiday Possession Periods***{If standard possession order and no split custody: Unaffected by Distance}*

The following specified holidays supersede any rights for conflicting weekend or weekday possession periods which may have been specified above [, except as otherwise provided for conservators who live 50 miles or less apart]:

(a) Christmas Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child in even-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on [the day the child's school is dismissed/custom start date] and ending at [12 p.m./custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date]. [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child in even-numbered years beginning at [12 p.m./custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after Christmas.

(b) Christmas Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child in odd-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on [the day the child's school is dismissed/custom start date] and ending at [12 p.m./custom end time] on [December 28/custom end date]. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child in odd-numbered years beginning at [12 p.m./custom end time] on [December

28/custom end date] and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.

(c) Thanksgiving Vacation in Odd-Numbered Years. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the child in odd-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on [the day the child's school is dismissed/custom start date] and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time] on [the Sunday following Thanksgiving/custom end date].

(d) Thanksgiving Vacation in Even-Numbered Years. [primary conservator] shall have possession of the child in even-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed/custom start time] on [the day the child's school is dismissed/custom start date] and ending at [6 p.m./custom end time] on [the Sunday following Thanksgiving/custom end date].

{*Split Custody: Spring Vacation.* [primary conservator] shall have possession of the children in even-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m. on the day the child's school is dismissed/the time the child's school is dismissed/custom time] for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation. [non-primary conservator(s)] shall have possession of the children in odd-numbered years beginning at [6 p.m. on the day the child's school is dismissed/the time the child's school is dismissed/custom time] for the school's spring vacation and ending at 6 p.m. on the day before school resumes after that vacation.}

(e) Child's Birthday. The conservator not otherwise entitled under this Order to present possession of a child on the child's birthday shall have possession of the child beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. on that day, provided that the conservator picks up the child from the residence of the conservator entitled to possession and returns the child to that same place.

(f) Father's Day. [Name of conservator(s) exercising Father's Day possession] shall have possession of the child beginning at 6 p.m. on the Friday preceding Father's Day and ending at [6 p.m. on Father's Day/8 a.m. on the Monday after Father's Day/custom end time], provided that, if [Name of conservator(s) exercising Father's Day possession] [is/are] not otherwise entitled under this Order to present possession of the child, [Name of conservator(s) exercising Father's Day possession] pick[s] up the child from the residence of the conservator entitled to possession and return[s] the child to that same place. No extended summer or otherwise designated period of possession shall interfere with this Father's Day possession period.

(g) Mother's Day. [Name of conservator(s) exercising Mother's Day possession] shall have possession of the child beginning at [6 p.m./the time the child's school is regularly dismissed] on the Friday preceding Mother's Day and ending [6 p.m. on Mother's Day/Monday when the child's school resumes/custom end time], provided that, if [Name of conservator(s) exercising Mother's Day possession] [is/are] not otherwise entitled under this Order to present possession of the child, [Name of conservator exercising Mother's Day possession] pick[s] up the child from



the residence of the conservator entitled to possession and return[s] the child to that same place.

### **{Possession During Jewish Holidays**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed that it is in the best interest of the child that the following periods of possession be designated for certain Jewish holidays. **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the following rights to possession of the child shall supersede any conflicting possession periods defined elsewhere in this Order.

*{select from the following:*

- (a) Rosh Hashanah: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (b) Yom Kippur: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (c) Sukkot: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (d) Shemini Atzeret: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (e) Simchat Torah: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (f) Passover: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (g) Shavuot: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (h) Hanukkah: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (i) Chamisha Assar B'Shvat or T'u B'Shvat: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (j) Purim: [Detailed description of possession times]}

### **{Possession During Christian Holidays**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed that it is in the best interest of the child that the following periods of possession be designated for certain Christian holidays. **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the following rights to possession of the child shall supersede any conflicting possession periods defined elsewhere in this Order.

*{select from the following:*

- (a) Christmas Eve: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (b) Ash Wednesday: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (c) Palm Sunday: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (d) Good Friday: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (e) Easter: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (f) All Saints Day: [Detailed description of possession times]}

### **{Possession During Muslim Holidays**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed that it is in the best interest of the child that the following periods of possession be designated for certain Muslim holidays. **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the following rights to possession of the child shall supersede any conflicting possession periods defined elsewhere in this Order.

*{select from the following:*

- (a) Eid al-Fitr: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (b) Eid al-Adha: [Detailed description of possession times]}

### **{Possession During Additional Holidays**

In addition to all other provisions for possession provided in this Order, the following periods of possession are **ORDERED**.

*{select from the following:*

- (a) Conservator's Birthday: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (b) Battle of Flowers: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (c) Memorial Day: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (d) Juneteenth: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (e) Independence Day: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (f) Labor Day: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (g) Halloween: [Detailed description of possession times]
- (h) New Year's Eve: [Detailed description of possession times]}

### **Periods Not Designated**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] shall have the right to possession of the child at all times that are not specifically designated as periods of possession for [non-primary conservator] in this Order.

### **General Terms and Conditions**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, the following general terms and conditions of possession of a child apply without regard to the distance between the residence of a conservator and the child:

*{No split custody: (a) Surrender of Child by [primary conservator].*  
[primary conservator] shall surrender the child to [non-primary

conservator] at the beginning of each period of [non-primary conservator(s)]'s possession at the residence of [primary conservator]. If [non-primary conservator(s)]'s period of possession begins at the time the child's school is regularly dismissed, [primary conservator] shall surrender the child to [non-primary conservator(s)] at the beginning of each period of possession at the school in which the child is enrolled, [non-primary conservator(s)] will pick up the child at the child's school upon school dismissal.

(b) Surrender of Child by [non-primary conservator(s)]. At the end of each period of [non-primary conservator(s)]'s possession, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall *{Surrender the child at the end of possession: surrender the child to [primary conservator] at the residence of [non-primary conservator(s)]}* *{Return the child at the end of possession: return the child to the residence of [primary conservator]}*. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, [non-primary conservator(s)] shall surrender the child to [primary conservator] at [non-primary conservator(s)]'s residence if (1) the parties reside in the same county on the date a final Decree is entered in this matter and (2) [non-primary conservator(s)]'s county of residence remains the same after the rendition of the final Decree in this matter, and (3) [primary conservator]'s county of residence changes. This change of procedure will be effective on the date of the change of residence by [primary conservator]. If [non-primary conservator(s)]'s period of possession ends at the time the child's school resumes, [non-primary conservator(s)] will surrender the child to [primary conservator] at the end of each period of possession at the school in which the child is enrolled.}

*{Split custody: (a) Surrender of [children with first conservator] by [first conservator]. [first conservator] shall surrender [children with first conservator] to [second conservator] at the beginning of each period of [second conservator]'s possession at the residence of [first conservator]. If [second conservator]'s period of possession begins at the time the child[ren]'s school is regularly dismissed, [first conservator] shall surrender the child[ren] to [second conservator] at the beginning of each period of possession at the school in which the child[ren] [is/are] enrolled,*

[second conservator] will pick up the child[ren] at the child[ren]'s school upon school dismissal.

(b) Surrender of [children with first conservator] by [second conservator]. At the end of each period of [second conservator]'s possession, [second conservator] shall {Surrender the child at the end of possession: surrender the child[ren] to [first conservator] at the residence of [second conservator]} {Return the child at the end of possession: return the child[ren] to the residence of [first conservator]}. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, [second conservator] shall surrender the child[ren] to [first conservator] at [second conservator]'s residence if (1) the parties reside in the same county on the date a final Decree is entered in this matter and (2) [second conservator]'s county of residence remains the same after the rendition of the final Decree in this matter, and (3) [first conservator]'s county of residence changes. This change of procedure will be effective on the date of the change of residence by [first conservator]}. If [second conservator]'s period of possession ends at the time the child[ren]'s school resumes, [second conservator] shall surrender the child[ren] to [first conservator] at the end of each period of possession at the school in which the child[ren] [is/are] enrolled.

(c) Surrender of [children with second conservator] by [second conservator]. [second conservator] shall surrender [children with second conservator] to [first conservator] at the beginning of each period of [first conservator]'s possession at the residence of [first conservator]. If [first conservator]'s possession begins at the time the child[ren]'s school is regularly dismissed, [second conservator] shall surrender the child[ren] to [first conservator] at the school in which the child[ren] [is/are] enrolled and [first conservator] shall pick up the child[ren] at the [child/child]'s school upon school dismissal.

(d) Surrender of [children with second conservator] by [first conservator]. At the end of each period of [first conservator]'s possession, [first conservator] shall {Surrender child at end of possession: surrender [children with second conservator] to [second conservator] at the residence of [first conservator].}{Return child at end of possession: return [children with second conservator] to the residence of [second conservator]}. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, [first conservator]

shall surrender the child[ren] to [second conservator] at [first conservator] 's residence if (1) the parties reside in the same county on the date a final Decree is entered in this matter and (2) [first conservator]'s county of residence remains the same after the rendition of the final Decree in this matter and (3) [second conservator]'s county of residence changes. This change of procedure will be effective on the date of the change of residence by [second conservator]} If [first conservator]'s period of possession ends at the time the child[ren] 's school resumes, [first conservator] shall surrender the child[ren] to [second conservator] at the school in which the child[ren] [is/are] enrolled.}

(c/e) Personal Effects. Each conservator shall return with the child the personal effects that the child brought at the beginning of the period of possession.

(d/f) Designation of Competent Adult. Either conservator may designate a competent adult to pick up and return the child, as applicable. A conservator or a designated competent adult shall be present when the child is picked up or returned.

(e/g) Inability to Exercise Possession. A conservator shall give notice to the person in possession of the child on each occasion that the conservator will be unable to exercise that conservator's right of possession for a specified period.

(f/h) Written Notice. Written notice, including notice provided by electronic mail or facsimile, shall be deemed to have been timely made if received or, if applicable, postmarked before or at the time that notice is due.

(g/i) Notice to School and Conservator Not in Possession. If a conservator's time of possession of a child ends at the time school resumes and for any reason the child is not or will not be returned to school, the conservator in possession of the child shall immediately notify the school and the other conservator that the child will not be or has not been returned to school.}

### **{Disagreement or Confusion Over Possession Schedule**

The parties agree that, except in an emergency, before filing any suit for modification, clarification, or enforcement of the terms and conditions of possession of the child, the parties shall mediate the controversy in good faith. The parties agree that any party wishing to modify, clarify, or enforce this possession order shall give written notice to the other party of the desire to take the controversy to a mediator. If, within five days after receipt of the written notice, the parties cannot agree on a mediator or the other party does not agree to attend or fails to attend a scheduled mediation, the party desiring modification, clarification, or enforcement shall be released from the obligation to mediate the controversy.}}

{Variance from Standard Possession Order: {If variance but not an Agreed Decree:

#### **Variance from Standard Possession Order**

The Court finds that a variance from the Standard Possession Order is necessary based on the following reasons: [Findings that support the variance from the Standard Possession Order]}

#### *{Agreed Order: Variance from Standard Possession Order*

The Court finds that the parties have agreed to an order for periods of possession of the child[ren] of this suit that varies from the Standard Possession Order.}}

#### **{Possession for Child Under the Age of Three**

The Court finds that until [Names of children under 3] reach[es] the age of three, the following Possession Order is in the best interest of [Names of children under 3]. The Court further finds that, in determining the applicable possession of and access to the child[ren] under three years of age, [which the parties have agreed to,] the factors

enumerated in Section 153.254 of the Texas Family Code were considered by the Court [and the parties].

**IT IS ORDERED** that when [Names of children under 3] reach[es] three years of age, the Standard Possession Order shall be applicable for possession of and access of [Names of children under 3]. **IT IS ORDERED** that until [Names of children under 3]’s third birthday, that [the non-primary conservator/the possessory conservator/name of second conservator] shall have rights to possession and access to [Names of children under 3] as follows: [Custom instructions for visitation with children under 3]

*{Suggested language for under age 3: (a) Custodial location shall mean [location].*

(b) Parents residing less than 100 miles apart:

(i) 0-6 months – Possession shall occur at the Custodial Location. Possession shall be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on each Tuesday and Thursday evening and from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on each Saturday.

(ii) 6 months-18 months – Possession may occur outside the Custodial Location at [the non-primary conservator/the possessory conservator/name of second conservator]’s option. [The primary conservator/The sole managing conservator/Conservator with primary weekday conservatorship] shall provide an infant car seat and any breast milk or formula which the child[ren] may need during the visit. Possession shall be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. one evening per week (to be designated by [the non-primary or possessory conservator]) and on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

(iii) 18 months-3 years – Possession shall be 1st, 3rd, and 5th weekends from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and further on December 25th



and 26th, Thanksgiving Day, January 1st, Easter Sunday and 4th of July, [Father's/Mother's] Day, and [the/each] child's birthday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. [Upon reaching the age of two, [the/each] child shall begin overnight possession on a standard schedule.]

(c) Parents residing more than 100 miles apart:

At the option of [the non-primary or possessory conservator], possession may follow the same schedule as those for less than 100 miles, otherwise:

(i) 0-6 months – Possession shall occur at the Custodial Location. Possession shall occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any Saturday and Sunday [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall be in town.

(ii) 6 months-18 months – Possession shall occur as set forth above, however, [the non-primary or possessory conservator] may take the child from the Custodial Location for two periods during each day not to exceed two hours each.

(iii) 18 months-3 years – Possession shall occur on any designated weekend (no more than 2 weekends per month to be designated by [the non-primary or possessory conservator] giving [the primary conservator/the sole managing conservator/conservator with primary weekday conservatorship] at least 14 days notice) between the hours of 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall also have possession of the child[ren] from 1p.m. to 6 p.m. on December 25th and 26th and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, 4th of July, [Father's/Mother's] Day, and [the/each] child's birthday.}}

{Means of travel and long distance access and visitation: **Means of Travel and Long-Distance Access and Visitation**

The Court finds *{Agreed Order: and the parties have agreed}* that, as long as the child[ren] [is/are] under the age of [age when travel provisions no longer apply], these Orders are in the best interest of the child[ren] and apply to all long-distance travel and possession periods of the child[ren].

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non-Primary Conservator] *{Agreed Order: have agreed to these Orders and}* shall each comply with the following travel-related orders affecting the child[ren].

*{Minimum age for child traveling alone: IT IS ORDERED* [and the parties have agreed] that until the child[ren] [reach/reaches] [minimum age for unaccompanied travel] years of age, the child[ren] shall not travel alone between the conservators' respective residences.}

*{Adult traveling with child: {Competent adult designated to travel with child: IT IS ORDERED* [and the parties have agreed] that either parent may designate a competent adult, who is known to the child[ren], to accompany the child[ren] when traveling between the conservators' respective residences.}

*{Non-primary conservator to travel with child: IT IS ORDERED* [and the parties have agreed] that [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall accompany the child[ren] when traveling between the conservators' respective residences, at both the beginning and at the end of [the non-primary or possessory conservator] 's possession periods.}}

*{Travel expenses: {Travel expenses split 50/50: IT IS ORDERED* [and the parties have agreed] that [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent] shall each pay one-half of all travel expenses, including air fares, bag and escort fees, and any other travel expense related to the child[ren]'s travel between the conservators' respective residences.}

*{Travel expenses paid by non-primary conservator: **IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall pay all expenses, including air fares, bag and escort fees, or any other travel expense related to the child[ren]'s travel for each period of possession of the child[ren] by [the non-primary or possessory conservator] from the time [the non-primary or possessory conservator] takes possession of the child[ren] from [Name/ the sole managing conservator] to the time [the non-primary or possessory conservator] surrenders possession of the child[ren] to [Name/ the sole managing conservator].}}*

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that when the parties agree that the child[ren] may travel, either one-way or round-trip, as an unaccompanied passenger on a commercial flight when traveling between the conservators' respective residences, that [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall make all necessary arrangements for the child[ren], including confirmed reservations and payment, on regularly scheduled, "non-equipment change" flights by a major commercial passenger airline.

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that any airline reservations made for the child[ren] shall: depart from, and return to, as applicable, the commercial airport nearest to [each party/name of primary conservator]'s residence, and whenever possible, offer the best combination of shortest overall travel time and fewest stops.

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that the party making airline travel arrangements shall provide all of the child[ren]'s travel information to the other party in writing at least [number of days] days prior to the scheduled departure date for each flight.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the travel information shall include the airport name, the airline, flight number, departure date and time and arrival date and time for each flight along with any special instructions from the airline for a child traveling alone.

*{Child not traveling with adult: IT IS ORDERED [and the parties have agreed] that [Name/ the sole managing conservator] shall surrender possession of the child[ren] to an authorized flight attendant, employed by the designated airline, and who also will be flying on the child[ren]'s scheduled flight.}*

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall take possession of the child[ren] at the airport where the child[ren]'s flight is scheduled to arrive, at the gate the designated airline assigns for that flight's arrival and disembarkation.

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that if, while in the possession of a conservator or other designated competent adult, the child[ren] [is/are] not able to depart on a scheduled flight, or if that scheduled flight is unreasonably delayed or canceled, that the conservator or other designated competent adult shall notify the other conservator immediately. **IT IS ORDERED** that if the child[ren] [miss/misses] a scheduled flight while in a conservator's or other designated competent adult's possession, that the conservator shall schedule an alternate "non-equipment change" flight and pay any expense related to the missed flight, including ticket modification or re-ticketing fees or charges, and any fare differential, and notify the other conservator of the date and time of the alternate flight as soon as the alternate flight is confirmed.

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that, in compliance with these orders, the conservator making travel arrangements shall purchase the airline [ticket/tickets] in advance, including escort fees and bag fees, for the child[ren]'s travel to and from, or to, or from, the child[ren]'s primary residence.

**IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that, in compliance with these orders, the conservator who purchases airline tickets shall arrange with the airline and the other conservator for delivery of the airline tickets and any associated receipts for fees to the

other conservator prior to the child[ren]'s travel, as necessary. **IT IS ORDERED** [and the parties have agreed] that, in compliance with these orders, the applicable conservator shall reimburse the other conservator for travel expenses for the child[ren] in the event of circumstances beyond the conservator's control while in possession of the child[ren].

*{Custom travel provisions: IT IS ORDERED that [Customized travel provisions]}*

### **{International Travel**

The Court finds [and the parties agree] that the following terms and conditions regarding the means of international travel and possession of the child[ren] are in the child[ren]'s best interest. **IT IS ORDERED** that the parties shall each comply with the following terms and conditions relating to international travel, as follows:

*{Parties who may travel internationally: (a) A child may travel with [either] [parties who may travel with child outside the US] beyond the territorial limits of the United States.}*

*{Passport surrender: (b) [Party in possession of the child's passport], the person in possession of the child's passport, shall deliver the child's passport to the person permitted to travel with the child outside of the United States.}*

*{Written authorization for travel: (c) Upon 10 days after receiving a written request from [Name/ the sole managing conservator], [the non-primary or possessory conservator] shall provide all necessary written authorizations for the child to travel outside of the United States. Upon 10 days after receiving a written request from [the non-primary or possessory conservator], [Name/ the sole managing conservator] shall provide all necessary written authorizations for the child to travel outside of the United States.}*

*{Specific provisions: (d) [Specific details regarding international travel]}*

{Electronic communication: **Electronic Communication**

The Court finds that access between the child[ren] and a conservator through electronic communication, including the use of a telephone, electronic mail (email), instant messaging, text messaging, video conferencing or webcam, voice transmission or other similar tool, and whether facilitated by the use of any wired or wireless technology, via the Internet, or any other electronic media, including telephone or cell phone, is in the best interest of the child[ren].

*{History of violence finding:* The Court finds that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] agree that [Name of Person with history of abuse] shall have supervised electronic communication with [Names of children], despite the Court's finding of family violence *{Supervised visitation ordered:* and the necessity for supervised visitation between [Name of Person with history of abuse] and the child[ren]}.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that supervised electronic communication between [Name of Person with history of abuse] and the child[ren] shall occur in accord with the applicable family violence *{Supervised visitation ordered:* and supervised visitation} restrictions imposed on [Name of Person with history of abuse] in this Order or any active Protective Order, Restraining Order, or Injunction, and in accord with the parties' agreement that:

*{Statutory language for electronic communication:* **[NAME OF PERSON WITH HISTORY OF ABUSE] SHALL BE PERMITTED TO COMMUNICATE ELECTRONICALLY WITH THE CHILD[REN] ON [DAYS OF THE WEEK] BETWEEN [TIME PERIOD], WITH THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF [PERSON WITH HISTORY OF ABUSE] DURING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION. [PERSON WITH HISTORY OF ABUSE] SHALL PROVIDE THE CHILD[REN]'S ELECTRONIC ADDRESS INFORMATION TO [NAME OF PERSON WITH HISTORY OF ABUSE] AND SHALL PROVIDE UPDATED INFORMATION WITHIN A**

**REASONABLE TIME TO [NAME OF PERSON WITH HISTORY OF ABUSE] AFTER A CHANGE IN ELECTRONIC ADDRESS INFORMATION.}**

*{Specific language for electronic communication: [Specific terms for electronic communications]}*

*{No history of family violence: IT IS ORDERED* that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator], during periods when each is not the conservator in possession of the child[ren], shall each have reasonable periods of electronic communication with the child[ren] for a reasonable duration to supplement the conservator's periods of possession of the child[ren]. The electronic communication between the conservator who is not in possession of the child[ren] shall not unduly disrupt a scheduled activity for which that conservator has received prior notice.

*{Specific language for electronic communication: IT IS ORDERED* that the electronic communication shall be subject to the following terms: [Specific terms of access for electronic communication]}

**IT IS ORDERED** that the availability of electronic communication is not intended as a substitute for physical possession of or access to the child[ren] where otherwise appropriate.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] shall provide the other conservator with the email address, or other electronic communication identification, necessary to have electronic communication access to the child[ren].

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] shall provide notice to the other conservator of any change in email address, or other

electronic communication identification, used in electronic communication with the child[ren] not later than 24 hours after the date the change takes effect.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] shall provide electronic communication access between the other conservator and the child[ren] with all the rights to privacy, respect, and dignity similarly required for all other forms of access.}}

{Right of first refusal: **Right of First Refusal**

In the event a conservator is required to be away from the child[ren] for more than [period of time] during a period in which the child[ren] [is/are] in that conservator's care, the absent conservator shall notify the other conservator, and during the time period of the conservator's absence, the other conservator will have the right to care for the child[ren].*{Exception to first refusal: This right of first refusal is not required to be offered if the child[ren]'s care is being provided during the specified time by [Name of person or facility providing care for the child].}}*

{Security bond for possession: **Security Bond for Possession**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [non-primary conservator] shall [each] execute a bond or deposit security in the amount of \$[amount] with the Clerk of this Court before removing the child[ren] from the jurisdiction of this Court.}}

{Tax returns for the children: **Tax Returns for the Child[ren]**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Person to file child's taxes] has the exclusive right and duty to prepare and file income tax returns for the child[ren]. **IT IS ORDERED** that [Person to provide info for child's taxes] provide to [Person to file child's taxes] all information requested for the preparation of the child[ren]'s income tax returns no later than the



earlier of March 1 of that year, or 30 days following receipt of a written request for the information. Any requested information that becomes available after that date should be provided to the requesting party within 10 days of its receipt.}

{Passport application: {Sole Managing Conservator: **Passport Application**

**IT IS ORDERED** that a parent whose consent is required for the issuance of a passport for the child[ren] must consent in writing within [number of days] days of receiving a request for consent, unless that parent has good cause to withhold consent.}

{Sole Managing Conservatorship: **Passport Application**

**IT IS ORDERED** that if [Name/ the sole managing conservator] submits a passport application for the child[ren], [Name/ the sole managing conservator] notify the other conservator of the passport application within [number of days] days of its submission.}}

{Children's property: **Property of Child[ren]**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the following property of the child[ren] shall be solely controlled and exclusively managed by [primary conservator] on behalf of the child[ren]:

(a) [description of the property];

Upon request, [Name of Non Primary Conservator] shall promptly execute and complete all paperwork necessary to transfer control and management of the property to [primary conservator].}

{Execution of HIPAA: **HIPAA Release**

**IT IS ORDERED** that, within 30 days from the date this Order is entered, each party shall execute the following instruments, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.508:

- (a) all releases necessary to permit the other conservator to obtain health care information regarding the child[ren] subject to this suit; and
- (b) for each health care provider and for each child subject to this suit, an authorization for disclosure of protected health information to the other conservator.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party shall designate the other party as a person to whom protected health information regarding the child[ren] may be disclosed whenever the party executes an authorization for disclosure of protected health information pursuant to HIPAA and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.508.}

*{optional: **Child Support**}*

*Child Support Obligation of [obligor]*

**IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise expressly provided in this Order, [obligor] shall pay child support totaling *{bi-weekly child support: an average of }\$[amount]* per month to [Obligee] for support of [the child/the children/list of children]. Such amount shall be paid *{monthly child support: on the [day] day of each month} {semi-monthly child support: in two installments of \$[amount] each on the [day] and [day] days of each month} {weekly support: in weekly payments of \$[amount] each on [day] of each week} {bi-weekly child support: in bi-weekly payments of \$[amount] each every other [day]}*. The first such payment is due and payable on [date], and a like payment is due and payable *{monthly child support: on the [day] day of each month} {semi-monthly child support: in two installments on the [day] and [day] days of each month} {weekly support: on [day] of each week} {bi-weekly child support: every other week}* thereafter until further order of this Court.

*{Disabled child: **Disabled Child***

The Court finds that [name of disabled child] is a child who requires substantial care and personal supervision because of a mental or physical disability and will not be capable of self-support and that child support payments for [name of disabled child] should be continued for an indefinite period. **IT IS ORDERED** that support payments for [name of disabled child] shall continue until otherwise ordered by the Court or until [name of disabled child] dies, whichever occurs earlier.}

*{Disabled adult child: **Disabled Adult Child***

The Court finds that [name of disabled child] requires substantial care and personal supervision because of a mental or physical disability and will not be capable of self-support, and that the disability existed, or the cause of the disability was known to exist, on or before the 18th birthday of [name of disabled child]. The Court further finds that child support payments for [name of disabled child] should be continued for an indefinite period. **IT IS ORDERED** that support payments for [name of disabled child] shall continue until otherwise ordered by the Court or until [name of disabled child] dies, whichever occurs earlier. *{Support for disabled adult child to be paid directly to special needs trust: The Court finds that a special needs trust is appropriate and that the child support payments for [name of disabled child] are to be paid directly to the trust for the benefit of [name of disabled child]. **IT IS ORDERED** that, of the amount ordered for child support above, \$[monthly amount for special needs trust] shall be paid directly to [name of special needs trust], [address of special needs trust], for the benefit of [name of disabled child].}}*

*{Child support step downs: Duration of Support Obligation*

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the child support obligation of [obligor] shall continue until the first month following the date of the earliest occurrence of one of the following events:

(a) [Child's name/A child/The child] [except [name of disabled child]] reaches 18 years of age or graduates from high school, whichever occurs later. The child support obligation will not, however, be reduced so long as the child remains enrolled:

(i) under Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, in an accredited secondary school program leading toward a high school diploma and complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Subchapter C, Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code;

(ii) under Section 130.008 of the Texas Education Code, in courses for joint high school and junior college credit and complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Subchapter C, Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code; or

(iii) on a full-time basis in a private secondary school in a program leading toward a high school diploma and complying with the minimum attendance requirements imposed by that school;

(b) [Child's name/A child/The child] marries;

(c) [Child's name/A child/The child] dies;

(d) [Child's name/A child/The child] enlists in the armed forces of the United States and begins active service as defined by Section 101 of the United States Code; or

(e) [Child's name/A child/The child][except [name of disabled child]] has the disabilities of minority removed by Court order, or other operation of law.

*{loop on each stepdown: On the [ordinal] occurrence of one of the above events, the [average monthly] child support obligation of [obligor] shall [decrease to \$[amount]/terminate]. {decrease: Such amount shall be paid {monthly child support: on the [day] day of each month.} {semi-monthly child support: in two installments of \$[amount] each on the [day] and [day] days of each month.}{weekly: in weekly payments of \$[amount] each on [day] of each week.}{bi-weekly: every other week in payments of \$[amount] each.}}}*

*{Child support varies from guidelines: **Child Support Guidelines***

In rendering its order for the child support obligation of [obligor] in this cause, the Court makes the following findings pursuant to Section 154.130 of the Texas Family Code:

- (a) The net resources of [obligor] per month are \$[amount].
- (b) The net resources of [Obligee] per month are \$[amount].
- (c) The percentage applied to [the first \$9,200.00 of] [obligor]'s net resources for child support is [percentage]%.

*{Child support complies with guidelines: (d) The amount of child support ordered by the Court complies with the percentage guidelines.}*

*{Reason amount varies from guidelines: (e) The application of the guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate. The specific reasons that the amount of child support per month ordered by the Court varies from the amount computed by applying the percentage guidelines under Section [154.129/154.125] of the Texas Family Code are [reasons child support amount varies from guidelines]}}*

*{Retroactive child support added: **Retroactive Child Support***

The Court finds that [obligor] should pay retroactive child support for the period of [date] through [date] in the amount of \$[amount].

**IT IS ORDERED** that judgment in the amount of \$[amount] against [obligor] is granted in favor of [Obligee], such judgment bearing interest at the rate of six percent per annum in simple interest from the date this Order is rendered until the judgment is paid, for which execution shall issue if it is not paid.

*{Lump sum payment: [obligor] is **ORDERED** to pay this judgment in full on or before [date].}*

*{Lump sum payment and periodic payments: [obligor] is **ORDERED** to pay this judgment by paying \$[amount] on or before [date]. Additionally, [obligor] shall pay {monthly child support: a monthly payment in the amount of \$[amount] on the [day] day of each month} {semi-monthly child support: two installments of \$[amount] each on the [day] and [day] days of each month} {weekly support: weekly payments of \$[amount] each on [day] of each week} {bi-weekly child support: bi-weekly payments of \$[amount] each on every other [day]}. The first such payment is due and payable on [date].}*

*{Periodic payments: [obligor] is **ORDERED** to pay this judgment as follows: [obligor] shall pay {monthly child support: a monthly payment in the amount of \$[amount] on the [day] day of each month} {semi-monthly child support: two installments of \$[amount] each on the [day] and [day] days of each month} {weekly support: weekly payments of \$[amount] each on [day] of each week} {bi-weekly child support: bi-weekly payments of \$[amount] each on every other [day]}. The first such payment is due and payable on [date].}*

*{Increase periodic payments: Duration of Retroactive Support Obligation*

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the periodic payments to be made by [obligor] for payment of retroactive child support shall be increased on the first month following one of the following events:

(a) [Child's name/A child/The child][except [name of disabled child]] reaches 18 years of age or graduates from high school, whichever occurs later. The child support obligation will not, however, be increased so long as the child remains enrolled:

(i) under Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code, in an accredited secondary school program leading toward a high school diploma and complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Subchapter C, Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code;

(ii) under Section 130.008 of the Texas Education Code, in courses for joint high school and junior college credit and complying with the minimum attendance requirements of Subchapter C, Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code; or

(iii) on a full-time basis in a private secondary school in a program leading toward a high school diploma and complying with the minimum attendance requirements imposed by that school;

(b) [Child's name/A child/The child] marries;

(c) [Child's name/A child/The child] dies;

(d) [Child's name/A child/The child] enlists in the armed forces of the United States and begins active service as defined by Section 101 of the United States Code; or

(e) [Child's name/A child/The child][except [name of disabled child]] has the disabilities of minority removed by Court order, or other operation of law.

On the [ordinal] occurrence of one of the above events, the periodic payments to be made by [obligor] shall increase to \$[amount].}}

*Suspension of income withholding:* **Suspension of Income Withholding**

The Court finds that [good cause exists so/the parties have agreed] that no order withholding income should issue or be delivered to any employer of [obligor] unless the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division is providing services to [Obligee], or until [obligor] has been in arrears for an amount due for more than 30 days, the amount of the arrearages equals or is greater than the amount due for a one-month period, or any other violation of the child support order has occurred.

In the event that the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division begins providing services to [Obligee], or if [obligor] has been in arrears for an amount due for more than 30 days, the amount of the arrearages equals or is greater than the amount due for a one-month period, or any other violation of the child support order has occurred, **IT IS ORDERED** that all payments of child support shall be made pursuant to the Orders for Withholding of Child Support stated below.}

**Withholding for Child Support**

As used in this Order for Withholding for Child Support, the following words have these meanings:

- (a) "Earnings" means payments to or due [obligor], regardless of source and how denominated. The term includes: periodic or lump-sum payments for wages, salary, compensation received as an independent contractor, overtime pay, severance pay, commission, bonus, and interest income; as well as periodic



or lump-sum payments made under a pension, an annuity, workers' compensation, and a disability or retirement program; unemployment benefits; compensation from a transportation network company as defined by Section 2402.001, Occupations Code; and compensation from a person that operates a technology platform used to make deliveries to customers.

(b) "Disposable earnings" means that part of the earnings of [obligor] remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amounts required by law to be withheld for union dues, nondiscretionary retirement contributions, and medical, hospitalization, and disability insurance coverage for [obligor] and [obligor]'s child[ren].

**IT IS ORDERED** that any employer of [obligor] shall withhold for child support from [obligor]'s disposable earnings.

**IT IS ORDERED** that a credit against [obligor]'s child support obligation is created equal to all amounts withheld by the employer and paid in compliance with this Court's Order.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [obligor]'s child support obligation is discharged by payment of the full amount of child support ordered to be paid under this Order by means of withholding from [obligor]'s earnings.

**IT IS ORDERED** that if the amount withheld from [obligor]'s earnings and credited against the child support obligations is less than 100 percent of the amount ordered to be paid under this Order, the resulting balance constitutes a continuing obligation of [obligor], which [obligor] is **ORDERED** to pay directly to the state disbursement unit as described in this Order.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the employer shall remit payments of child support [, medical support, and dental support] to the state disbursement unit and the state disbursement unit should promptly remit the payments *{Regular child support: to [child support obligee] for the support of [Names of children]} {Support for disabled adult child to be paid directly to special needs trust: [and] to the special needs trust for the support of [name of disabled child]}*.

**IT IS ORDERED** that if [obligor]'s employer's address changes, or if [obligor]'s employment terminates, [obligor] shall notify this Court and [Obligee] of either event, by U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested, within 7 days after the occurrence of the event. Contained in the above notice, or as soon as new information becomes available, [obligor] **IS FURTHER ORDERED** to provide this Court and [Obligee], as applicable, with [obligor]'s current address, and the name and address of [obligor]'s current employer.

The court clerk will send a certified copy of the Income Withholding for Support to the employer upon request from a prosecuting attorney, Title IV-D agency, friend of the court, domestic relations office, party to this suit, or an attorney representing a party to this suit.

*{Repeat options/language for each child support obligor}*

### **Child Support Payment Instructions**

***{Payments remitted to State Disbursement Unit: {one obligor: IT IS ORDERED*** that all child support [medical support/dental support] payments shall be made through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit, P.O. Box 659791, San Antonio, TX 78265-9791. Payments will then be promptly remitted to [Name of obligor] for the support of the child[ren].

Payments shall be made payable to the Office of the Attorney General and include the 10-digit Office of the Attorney General case number (if available), this suit's cause number, [Name of obligor]'s name as the noncustodial parent (NCP), and [Name of obligee]'s name as the custodial parent (CP).} *{two obligors: IT IS ORDERED* that all child support [medical support/dental support] payments made by [Name of first obligor] shall be made through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit, P.O. Box 659791, San Antonio, TX 78265-9791. Payments will then be promptly remitted to [Name of first obligee] for the support of [Name of child(ren) with first conservator].

Payments by [Name of first obligor] shall be made payable to the Office of the Attorney General and include the 10-digit Office of the Attorney General case number (if available), this suit's cause number, [Name of first obligor]'s name as the noncustodial parent (NCP), and [Name of first obligee]'s name as the custodial parent (CP).

[Language repeated for second obligor]}

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party shall pay all fees charged against that party by the State Disbursement Unit and any other agency authorized by statute to charge a fee.

Payment options and specific remittance information for each type of payment method can be found on the Attorney General of Texas' website as: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cs/payment-options-and-types>.} *{Payments not remitted to State Disbursement Unit: IT IS ORDERED* that [specific payment instructions]}

**No Offset**

**IT IS ORDERED** that any expense incurred by [Name of obligor] during periods of possession of, or access to, the child[ren], or any payment made by [Name of obligor] for the food, clothing, shelter, travel, entertainment, gifts, or other expense items of the child[ren] are considered to be in addition to, and not in lieu of the child support obligation.

{optional; repeat for each obligor: **Life Insurance**

**IT IS ORDERED** that [obligor] shall maintain a life insurance policy on [obligor]'s life in an amount of at least \$[amount] for as long as [obligor] has a duty to pay child support for any child subject to this Order. Such policy shall be payable to [Obligee] for the benefit of the child[ren]. Within 30 days after the date this Order is entered, and on each subsequent anniversary of its entry, [obligor] shall provide to [Obligee] written verification from the insurer of active insurance coverage as required by this Court. Upon the death of [obligor], if it occurs prior to termination of the child support obligations under for the child[ren], the life insurance proceeds shall be applied first to any delinquent support obligation and then to the acceleration of the entire remaining unpaid balance of the child support obligation, to be determined under Section 154.015(c) of the Texas Family Code. If any portion of the accelerated child support obligation remains unpaid after application of the life insurance proceeds, payment of the unpaid balance becomes the obligation of [obligor]'s estate. Any life insurance proceeds remaining after full satisfaction of [obligor]'s accelerated child support obligation shall be paid by [Obligee] to [obligor]'s estate or, if applicable, to a party previously designated by [obligor] in writing.

*{More than one child support obligor: **IT IS ORDERED** that [obligor] shall maintain a life insurance policy on [obligor]'s life in an amount of at least \$[amount] for as long as [obligor] has a duty to pay child support for any child subject to this Order. Such policy shall be payable to [Obligee] for the benefit of the child[ren]. Within 30 days after the date*

this Order is entered, and on each subsequent anniversary of its entry, [obligor] shall provide to [Obligee] written verification from the insurer of active insurance coverage as required by this Court. Upon the death of [obligor], if it occurs prior to termination of the child support obligations for the child[ren], the life insurance proceeds shall be applied first to any delinquent support obligation and then to the acceleration of the entire remaining unpaid balance of the child support obligation, to be determined under Section 154.015(c) of the Texas Family Code. If any portion of the accelerated child support obligation remains unpaid after application of the life insurance proceeds, payment of the unpaid balance becomes the obligation of [obligor]'s estate. Any life insurance proceeds remaining after full satisfaction of [Name of second child support obligor]'s accelerated child support obligation shall be paid by [Obligee] to [Obligor]'s estate or, if applicable, to a party previously designated by [Obligor] in writing.}

{Day care provision: **Day-Care**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows: The child[ren] shall be allowed to attend a day-care facility on days when the conservator entitled to possession of the child[ren] is required to work. In addition to any other child support ordered, [primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent and [non-primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent of such day-care expenses for the child[ren].}

{Private school provision: **Private School**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows: The child[ren] shall be allowed to attend a private school. Each party shall be consulted about preferences regarding the choice of private school for the child[ren] and neither party shall unreasonably withhold approval regarding the choice of private school.

[primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent and [non-primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent of expenses for the child[ren], including but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) tuition;
- (b) books;
- (c) uniforms;
- (d) meal options;
- (e) required equipment and supplies;
- (f) lab fees;
- (g) application and registration fees;
- (h) testing fees;
- (i) extra-curricular activity fees and expenses;
- (j) room and board;

{Post secondary education provisions: **Post-Secondary Education**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows: The parties shall provide for the child[ren]'s attendance at a post-secondary school, provided that the child is considered a full-time student for purposes of the applicable degree or diploma plan defined by the educational institution, and maintains a "C" or higher equivalent grade point average toward the completion of a college bachelor's degree, or a business, technical, or vocational diploma. The child subject to this Order must authorize the school to release to each party the current information on the

performance and status of that child, including report cards and data relating to class enrollments and completion, course adds and drops, and financial information.

[primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent and [non-primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent of all reasonable and necessary expenses for the child[ren] including but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) application and registration fees;
- (b) tuition;
- (c) books;
- (d) uniforms;
- (e) room and board;
- (f) required equipment and supplies;
- (g) lab fees;
- (h) student or institution wide fees;
- (i) activity fees;
- (j) fraternity or sorority dues and expenses;

{Extracurricular activities provisions: **Extracurricular Activities**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows: The parties shall provide for the child[ren]'s attendance or participation in the following activities:

- (a) tutoring;
- (b) private lessons for educational, musical or athletic endeavors;

- (c) summer camp;
- (d) school related field trips;

Each party shall be consulted about preferences regarding selection of specific activities, as well as the number and duration of activities, and will not unreasonably withhold approval regarding the other's choice of any activity.

[primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent and [non-primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent of all reasonable and necessary expenses for the child[ren] including but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) application and registration fees;
- (b) uniforms;
- (c) required equipment and supplies;
- (d) transportation;
- (e) lodging and board; and
- (f) dues, tuition, and regular payments.

{Auto for child provision: **Automobile for Child's Use**

The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** as follows: The parties shall provide an automobile for the child[ren], together with required and appropriate insurance, provided such child has a valid driver's license. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the automobile shall be made available for the child within 45 days after that child has received a valid driver's license. Each party shall be consulted about preferences regarding the automobile, or type of automobile, to be provided for a child of the marriage. Neither party will unreasonably withhold approval regarding the



choice of appropriate automobile. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, [Name/ the sole managing conservator] shall have primary responsibility for ensuring that all legal requirements, permits, contracts and documentation relating to use of the provided automobile are satisfied, obtained, or otherwise secured.

[primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent and [non-primary conservator] shall pay [percentage] percent of all reasonable and necessary expenses for provision of the automobile for the child, including but not limited to any of the following:

- (a) vehicle registration;
- (b) personal property tax;
- (c) insurance;
- (d) inspections;
- (e) fuel;
- (f) maintenance;
- (g) parts subject to normal wear, such as tires, wipers, oil, fluids and other items necessary for safe operation of the vehicle;

{Agreed child support expenses: **Agreed Child Expense Terms**

A party incurring expenses listed above for *{day care provision: day-care}; {private school provision: private school}{post-secondary education: post-secondary education}{extracurricular activities provision: extracurricular activities}{auto for child provision: automobile}* for a child ("Agreed Child Expenses") **IS ORDERED** to submit to the nonincurring party, within 30 days after the date the information is received, all information related to such Agreed Child Expenses, including forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of costs. If the incurring party furnishes said forms, receipts,

bills statements, and explanations of costs to the nonincurring party within 30 days after the incurring party receives them, the nonincurring party **IS ORDERED** to pay the nonincurring party's percentage of the Agreed Child Expenses either by directly paying the vendor or service provider or by directly paying the incurring party the nonincurring party's percentage of the Agreed Child Expenses within 30 days after the nonincurring party receives Agreed Child Expenses forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of costs. If within 30 days after the incurring party receives Agreed Child Expenses forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of costs, the incurring party fails to furnish to the nonincurring party the same, the nonincurring party **IS ORDERED** to pay the nonincurring party's percentage of the Agreed Child Expenses by directly paying the vendor or service provider or by directly paying the incurring party the nonincurring party's percentage of the Agreed Child Expenses within 120 days after the nonincurring party receives the Agreed Child Expenses forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of costs.

{Child support order included: **Bond to be posted: Security for Compliance**

[non-primary conservator] shall execute a bond or post security payable through the registry of the Court in the amount of \$[amount], conditioned on compliance with the terms of this agreement for payment of child support.}

*{More than one child support obligor: [Obligor] is **ORDERED** to execute a bond or post security payable through the registry of the Court in the amount of \$[amount], conditioned on compliance with the terms of this agreement for payment of child support.}*

## **Obligation of the Estate**

All child support obligations provided in this Order shall not terminate on the obligor's death, but shall continue as an obligation of obligor's estate. Any payment received by an obligee for the benefit of the child[ren], including life insurance proceeds, annuity payments, trust or other fiduciary distributions, including retirement survivor benefits, and payments from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veteran Affairs, or other governmental agency, shall be a credit against the obligor's estate's child support obligation. Any unpaid balance of the child support obligation remaining after due application of all credits is an obligation of obligor's estate.

*{Child support order: **Termination of Support on Marriage of the Parties***

**IT IS ORDERED** that all child support obligations payable by one parent to the other parent shall terminate upon the marriage of the parents, unless a nonparent or agency has been appointed conservator of the child[ren] under Chapter 153 of the Texas Family Code.}

### **Child Support Modification Notice**

**THE COURT MAY MODIFY THIS ORDER THAT PROVIDES FOR THE SUPPORT OF A CHILD, IF:**

**(a) THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CHILD OR A PERSON AFFECTED BY THE ORDER HAVE MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGED; OR**

**(b) IT HAS BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE THE ORDER WAS RENDERED OR LAST MODIFIED AND THE MONTHLY AMOUNT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT AWARD UNDER THE ORDER DIFFERS BY EITHER 20 PERCENT OR \$100 FROM THE**

**AMOUNT THAT WOULD BE AWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHILD  
SUPPORT GUIDELINES.}**

**Medical and Dental Support**

**Definitions**

As used in this Order:

(a) "Health insurance" means insurance coverage that provides basic health care services, including usual physician services, office visits, hospitalization, and laboratory, X-ray, and emergency services for a child, that may be provided through a health maintenance organization or other private or public organization, other than medical assistance under Chapter 32 of the Texas Human Resources Code.

(b) *{Single child language: "Reasonable cost" of health insurance means the cost of health insurance coverage for a child that does not exceed 9 percent of the obligor's annual resources, as described by Section 154.062(b) of the Texas Family Code}**{Multi child language: "Reasonable cost" of health insurance means the total cost of health insurance coverage for all children for which the obligor is responsible under a medical support order that does not exceed 9 percent of the obligor's annual resources, as described by Section 154.062(b) of the Texas Family Code.}*

(c) "Dental insurance" means insurance coverage that provides preventative dental care and other dental services, including usual dentist services, office visits, examinations, X-rays, and emergency services, that may be provided through a single service health maintenance organization or other private or public organization.

(d) *{Single child language: "Reasonable cost" of dental insurance means the cost of dental insurance coverage for a child that does not exceed 1.5 percent of the obligor's annual resources, as described by Section 154.062(b) of the Texas Family Code}**{Multi child language: "Reasonable cost" of dental insurance means the total cost of dental insurance coverage for all children for which the obligor is responsible under a dental support order that does not exceed 1.5 percent of the obligor's annual resources, as described by Section 154.062(b) of the Texas Family Code.}*

(e) "Reasonable and necessary health care expenses" include office visit and prescription medicine copayments, deductibles, medical, surgical, mental health-care services, prescription drugs, vision and dental expenses for [a child/all children] that does not exceed 9 percent of the obligor's annual resources, as described by Section 154.062(b) of the Texas Family Code, but shall not include expenses for travel to and from the provider or for nonprescription medication.

### **Duration of Medical Support Obligation**

*{Child support order included: **IT IS ORDERED** that the duties to obtain and to pay for health care and dental coverage for [the/each] child as provided in this Order shall continue for so long as a parent has a duty to provide child support for such child.}*

*{Health care coverage ordered by the court: **Cash Medical Support Payment Terms***

**IT IS ORDERED** that any cash medical payments ordered herein shall be paid [according to the payment for child support as described in this Decree/through the state disbursement unit]. Any cash medical support obligation contained in this Order shall be considered additional child support and may be enforced in the same manner as any

other child support obligation, including income withholding. *{Child support: IT IS FURTHER ORDERED* that any cash medical support ordered herein shall be included in the Income Withholding Order specified above.} Cash medical support obligations contained in this Order are obligations of the obligor's estate and shall not terminate on the obligor's death.

### **{Private Health Insurance**

The Court finds that health insurance coverage for the child[ren] is [in effect/available] at reasonable cost through [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s [employment/union membership/membership in a trade association/membership in [name of organization]/[other source]]. *{insurance already exists: IT IS ORDERED* that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall continue providing that insurance coverage. *{insurance does not yet exist: IT IS ORDERED* that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall obtain and provide such health insurance for the child[ren] within [number of days] days after the date this Order is entered.} **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in the event such insurance is terminated or is no longer available for any reason, [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall acquire replacement health insurance coverage within 15 days.

*{Cost of insurance to be reimbursed: The Court finds that the cost of such coverage is \$[amount] per month. IT IS ORDERED* that [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] shall pay [an average of] \$[amount] per month to [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] as cash medical support to compensate [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] for the insurance costs for the child[ren]. *{Obligor paying medical support: Said amount is to be paid {monthly: monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being*

due and payable on the [day] day of each month} {*semi-monthly*: semi-monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] and [day] days of each month}{*weekly*: weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of each week} {*bi-weekly*: bi-weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] being due on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of every other week} so long as child support is due under this Order.}

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if the cost of the health insurance coverage increases, then the cash medical support obligation of [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] shall be increased in an equal amount. The increased obligation shall be due and payable with the first payment becoming due after [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] receives documentation from the insurance company or [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s employer showing the new cost.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if the cost of the health insurance coverage decreases, then [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall notify [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] of the new decreased amount within 30 days. [Name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall reimburse [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] for any overpayment within 5 days of the receipt of that overpayment.}

### **Duty to Furnish Information Regarding Health Insurance**

According to Section 154.185 of the Texas Family Code, [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] must provide [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] {Attorney General to be provided health insurance info: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that

time} with the following information within 30 days of this order being signed by the Court:

(a) Social Security number;

(b) name and address of [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s employer;

(c) whether [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s employer is self-insured or has health insurance available;

*{Provide proof of health care coverage: (d) proof that the health insurance has been provided for the child[ren];}*

(e) if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s employer has health insurance available, the name of the health insurance carrier, the number of the policy and schedule of benefits, a health insurance membership card, claim forms, and any other information necessary to submit a claim;

(f) if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s employer is self-insured, a copy of the schedule of benefits, a health insurance membership card, claim forms, and any other information necessary to submit a claim;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall furnish to [name of party not providing health insurance] *{Attorney General to be provided health insurance info: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that time}* any additional information regarding health insurance coverage not later than the 15th day after the date the information is received by [name of party providing health insurance or medical support].



**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [name of party not providing health insurance] is designated the custodial parent and alternate recipient's representative for the purposes of Section 1169, Title 29, United States Code.}

### **{Military Health Care**

The Court finds that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] is a member of the United States military and that the child[ren] [is/are] eligible to receive health care and other benefits as [a] dependent[s]. **IT IS ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall keep and maintain in current status and deliver to [name of party not providing health insurance] the identification card[s] and any other documents, including claim forms, indicating the existence of health care coverage for the child[ren] at any facility available to any dependent[s] of a member of the United States military. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, until the child[ren] [become/becomes] ineligible to receive the dependent benefits described above, that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall provide to [name of party not providing health insurance] any and all necessary applications for renewal of the child[ren]'s identification card[s] not less than 30 days prior to the card['s/s'] expiration date.}

### **{Cash Medical Support**

The Court finds that there is no health insurance coverage available at a reasonable cost to either party through employment, membership in a union, membership in a trade association, membership in an organization, or from another source. **IT IS ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall pay [name of party not providing health insurance] [an average of] \$[amount] per month as cash medical support for the child[ren]. *{Child support: Such amount is in addition to any amount*

specified above as child support.} Said amount is to be paid {*monthly*: monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] day of each month} {*semi-monthly*: semi-monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] and [day] days of each month}{*weekly*: weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of each week}{*bi-weekly*: bi-weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] being due on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of every other week} so long as child support is due under this Order.}

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to Section 154.182(b-3) of the Texas Family Code, [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] may discontinue payment of cash medical support if health insurance for the child[ren] becomes available to [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] at a reasonable cost; [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] enrolls the child[ren] in the health insurance plan; and provides [name of party not providing health insurance] {*Attorney General to be provided health insurance info*: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that time} with the information required by Section 154.185 of the Texas Family Code.

[Name of party providing health insurance or medical support]'s obligation to pay cash medical support shall terminate when [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] enrolls the child[ren] in a health insurance plan and provides the required information about such coverage to [name of party not providing health insurance].}

{*Currently covered by government medical care*: **Government Provided Health Care**

The Court finds that the child[ren] [is/are] presently covered by a government medical assistance program or health plan. **IT IS ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall continue such enrollment until the child[ren] [is/are] covered by another health insurance program or health plan or [is/are] no longer eligible for participation in the government medical assistance program.

*{Cost of insurance to be reimbursed: IT IS ORDERED* that [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] shall pay [an average of] \$[amount] per month to [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] as cash medical support to compensate [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] for the insurance costs for the child[ren]. *{Obligor paying medical support: Said amount is to be paid {monthly: monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] day of each month} {semi-monthly: semi-monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] and [day] days of each month}{weekly: weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of each week}{bi-weekly: bi-weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] being due on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of every other week} so long as child support is due under this Order.} {Child support order included: Such amount is in addition to any child support obligation ordered above.}}*

*{Eligible for government medical care: **Government Provided Health Care***

The Court finds that the child[ren] [is/are] not covered by private insurance but they may be eligible for a government medical assistance program or health plan. **IT IS ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall apply within [number of days] days of the date this Order is entered for the child[ren]'s

enrollment in such government assistance medical program or health plan and to continue such enrollment for [the/each] child until the child is covered by another health insurance program or is no longer eligible for participation in a government medical assistance program.

*{Cost of insurance to be reimbursed: IT IS ORDERED* that [name of the party not providing the medical insurance] shall pay [an average of] \$[amount] per month to [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] as cash medical support to compensate [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] for the insurance costs for the child[ren]. *{Obligor paying medical support: Said amount is to be paid {monthly: monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] day of each month}{semi-monthly: semi-monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] and [day] days of each month}{weekly: weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of each week}{bi-weekly: bi-weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] being due on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of every other week}* so long as child support is due under this Order.}

*{Dental insurance not available at reasonable cost: **Dental Care***

The court finds that there is no dental insurance available at reasonable cost to either parent.

*{Cash dental support: **Cash Dental Support Payment Terms***

**IT IS ORDERED** that any cash dental payments ordered herein shall be paid [according to the payment for child support as described in this Decree/through the state disbursement unit]. Any cash dental support obligation contained in this Order shall be

considered additional child support and may be enforced in the same manner as any other child support obligation, including income withholding. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any cash dental support ordered herein shall be included in the Income Withholding Order specified above. Cash dental support obligations contained in this Order are obligations of the obligor's estate and shall not terminate on the obligor's death.}

*{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: **Private Dental Insurance***

The Court finds that dental insurance coverage for the child[ren] is [in effect/available] at reasonable cost through [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s [employment/union membership/membership in a trade association/membership in other organization/other private source]. *{Coverage already exists: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall continue providing that insurance coverage.}* *{Coverage must be obtained: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall obtain and provide such dental insurance for the child[ren] within [number of days in which to obtain dental coverage] days after the date this Order is entered.}* **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in the event such insurance is terminated or is no longer available for any reason, [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall acquire replacement dental insurance coverage within 15 days.

*{Cash dental support: The Court finds that the cost of such coverage is \$[monthly cost of dental insurance] per month. **IT IS ORDERED** that [name of parent to pay cash dental support] shall pay [an average of] \$[amount] per month to [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] as cash dental support to compensate [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] for the insurance costs for the child[ren].}* *{Obligor paying dental support: Said amount is to be paid *{monthly: monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] day of**

each month}{*semi-monthly*: semi-monthly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on the [day] and [day] days of each month}{*weekly*: weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] due and payable on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of each week}{*bi-weekly*: bi-weekly, with the first payment of \$[amount] being due on [date], and a like payment being due and payable on [day] of every other week} so long as child support is due under this Order.} {*Child support order included*: Such amount is in addition to any child support obligation ordered above.}

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if the cost of the dental insurance coverage increases, then the cash dental support obligation of [name of parent to pay cash dental support] shall be increased in an equal amount. The increased obligation shall be due and payable with the first payment becoming due after [name of parent to pay cash dental support] receives documentation from the insurance company or [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s employer showing the new cost.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if the cost of the dental insurance coverage decreases, then [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall notify [name of parent to pay cash dental support] of the new decreased amount within 30 days. [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall reimburse [name of parent to pay cash dental support] for any overpayment within 5 days of the receipt of that overpayment.}

### **Duty to Furnish Information Regarding Dental Insurance**

According to Section 154.185 of the Texas Family Code, [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] must provide [name of parent who doesn't carry dental insurance] {*Attorney General to be provided health insurance info*: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that time} with the following information within 30 days of this order being signed by the Court:

(a) Social Security number;

(b) name and address of [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s employer;

(c) whether [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s employer is self-insured or has dental insurance available;

*{Provide proof of health care coverage: (d) proof that the dental insurance has been provided for the child[ren];}*

(e) if [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s employer has dental insurance available, the name of the dental insurance carrier, the number of the policy and schedule of benefits, a dental insurance membership card, claim forms, and any other information necessary to submit a claim;

(f) if [Name of party who will provide dental insurance]'s employer is self-insured, a copy of the schedule of benefits, a dental insurance membership card, claim forms, and any other information necessary to submit a claim;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] shall furnish to [name of parent who doesn't carry dental insurance] *{Attorney General to be provided health insurance info: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that time}* any additional information regarding dental insurance coverage not later than the 15th day after the date the information is received by [Name of party who will provide dental insurance].

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of parent who doesn't carry dental insurance] is designated the custodial parent and alternate recipient's representative for the purposes of Section 1169, Title 29, United States Code.}

**WARNING**

**A PARENT ORDERED TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE OR DENTAL INSURANCE OR TO PAY THE OTHER PARENT ADDITIONAL CHILD SUPPORT FOR THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR DENTAL INSURANCE WHO FAILS TO DO SO IS LIABLE FOR NECESSARY MEDICAL EXPENSES OR DENTAL EXPENSES OF THE CHILD[REN], WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE EXPENSES WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID IF HEALTH INSURANCE OR DENTAL INSURANCE HAD BEEN PROVIDED AND THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, DENTAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS, IF ANY, PAID ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD[REN].**

*{Good cause to waive evidence of insurance: **Waiver of Evidence of Insurance***

The Court finds that good cause has been shown for the Court to waive the requirement under Section 154.181(d)(2) of the Texas Family Code for evidence that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] has applied for or secured health insurance for the child[ren]. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** the requirement that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] produce evidence to the Court's satisfaction to prove that health insurance has been applied for or secured or [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] has otherwise taken necessary action to provide for health care coverage for the child[ren] is waived.}

*{Agreed to waive evidence of insurance: **Waiver of Evidence of Insurance***

The Court finds that the parties have agreed to waive the requirement under Section 154.181(d)(2) of the Texas Family Code for evidence that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] has applied for or secured health insurance for the child[ren]. Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** the requirement that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] produce evidence to the Court's satisfaction to prove that health insurance has been applied for or secured or [name of party providing



health insurance or medical support] has otherwise taken necessary action to provide for health care coverage for the child[ren] is waived.}

*{Cash medical support: **Notice of Termination or Lapse of Insurance Coverage***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall notify [name of party not providing health insurance] *{Attorney General to be provided health insurance info: and the Office of the Attorney General Child Support Division or the applicable Title IV-D agency at that time }* of the termination or lapse of health or dental insurance coverage for the child[ren] not later than the 15th day after the date of a termination or lapse; and notify [name of party not providing health insurance] of the availability of replacement insurance not later than the 15th day after the date the insurance becomes available. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall maintain coverage for the child[ren] under COBRA if it is available or by converting any group policy to an individual policy. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] obtain replacement health or dental insurance for the child[ren] within 15 days after the lapse or termination of existing insurance, if such insurance is available at a reasonable cost. Otherwise, [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] is **ORDERED** to enroll the child[ren] in a health or dental insurance plan that is available to [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] at reasonable cost at the next available enrollment period.

As provided in Section 1504.051 of the Texas Insurance Code, **IT IS ORDERED** that if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] is eligible for dependent dental coverage but fails to obtain such coverage for the child[ren], the insurer is **ORDERED** to enroll the child[ren] on application of the other parent or any other person or entity authorized by law to make such application.}

*{Child support order: **Allocation of Additional Health Care Expenses***

*{Medical and dental insurance provided by obligor: **IT IS ORDERED** that, if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] is providing health care and dental coverage as ordered herein, [Name of Petitioner] shall pay [percentage] percent and [Name of Respondent] shall pay [percentage] percent of the reasonable and necessary health care expenses, including deductibles or copayments and vision and dental expenses of the child[ren] that are not otherwise covered by health insurance, dental insurance, or cash medical support. All such additional health care expenses shall be presumed to be reasonable and necessary. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] fails to provide health care coverage as ordered herein, then [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall pay for all health care expenses incurred by either party for the child[ren].}*

*Medical and dental insurance provided separately: **IT IS ORDERED** that, if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] is providing health care coverage as ordered herein, [Name of Petitioner] shall pay [percentage] percent and [Name of Respondent] shall pay [percentage] percent of the reasonable and necessary health care expenses, including deductibles or copayments and vision *{dental insurance not available at reasonable costs: and dental}* expenses of the child[ren] that are not otherwise covered by health insurance or cash medical support. All such additional health care expenses shall be presumed to be reasonable and necessary. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] fails to provide health care coverage as ordered herein, then [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall pay for all health care expenses incurred by either party for the child[ren].*

*{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: **IT IS ORDERED** that, if [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] is providing dental coverage as ordered herein,*

[Name of Petitioner] shall pay [percentage] percent and [Name of Respondent] shall pay [percentage] percent of the reasonable and necessary dental care expenses, including deductibles or copayments and dental expenses of the child[ren] that are not otherwise covered by dental insurance or cash dental support. All such additional dental care expenses shall be presumed to be reasonable and necessary. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if [Name of party who will provide dental insurance] fails to provide dental coverage as ordered herein, then [name of party providing health insurance or medical support] shall pay for all dental care expenses incurred by either party for the child[ren].}}

If a party incurring an additional health care expense for a child furnishes health care expense information (including forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of benefits) to the nonincurring party reflecting the portion of unreimbursed health care expenses within 30 days after the incurring party incurs the expense, the nonincurring party **IS ORDERED** to pay the nonincurring party's percentage of the unreimbursed portion of the health care expenses by either directly paying the health care provider or by directly reimbursing the incurring party for any advance payment exceeding the incurring party's percentage of the unreimbursed portion of health care expenses within 30 days after the nonincurring party receives the provided health care expense information.

If a party incurring an additional health care expense for a child furnishes health care expense information (including forms, receipts, bills, statements, and explanations of benefits) to the nonincurring party reflecting the portion of unreimbursed health care expenses more than 30 days after the incurring party incurs the expense, the nonincurring party **IS ORDERED** to pay the nonincurring party's percentage of the unreimbursed portion of the health care expenses by either directly paying the health care provider or by directly reimbursing the incurring party for any advance payment exceeding the incurring party's

percentage of the unreimbursed portion of health care expenses within 120 days after the nonincurring party receives the provided health care expense information.

**Secondary Health** *{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: or Dental Insurance Coverage—*

If either conservator provides secondary health *{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: or dental}* insurance coverage for the child[ren], each conservator is **ORDERED** to fully cooperate with the other to ensure that all insurance claims are filed promptly and in the manner necessary to maximize the coverage and benefits available from such policies and to ensure that the party who pays for any health *{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: or dental}* care for the child[ren] is reimbursed for such costs to the fullest extent possible.

**Claims— Sections 1204.251 and 1504.055(a) of the Texas Insurance Code**

As provided in Section 1204.251 of the Texas Insurance Code, [name of conservator] is designated the managing conservator or possessory conservator of the child[ren].

As provided in Sections 1204.251 and 1504.055(a) of the Texas Insurance Code, **IT IS ORDERED** that, if a conservator is providing health *{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: or dental}* insurance coverage for the child[ren] through a group policy or a health benefit plan issuer that provides health coverage to a child through a covered parent, the conservator who is not providing the health *{Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost: or dental}* insurance policy shall have the option to file claims against the policy directly with insurance policy issuer and to receive payments directly from the issuer.

If the conservator who is not providing the insurance policy does not elect to file the claims directly with the policy issuer, such conservator is **ORDERED** to furnish to the conservator who is providing the insurance coverage all forms and supporting documents necessary to file the claim with the policy issuer within fifteen days after receiving such documents. The conservator who is providing the insurance coverage is **ORDERED** to submit all claims for payment or reimbursement of health {*Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost:* or dental} care expenses within fifteen days of that conservator's receiving a claim form and any necessary supporting documents.

### **Constructive Trust for Insurance Payments Received**

**IT IS ORDERED** that any insurance payments received by either conservator as reimbursement for a child's health{*Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost:* or dental}-care expenses shall belong to the conservator who paid those expenses. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, if the conservator receives a reimbursement check for expenses not incurred by that conservator, such conservator is designated a constructive trustee holding such payment for the benefit of the conservator who did incur the expense. The conservator, as constructive trustee, **IS ORDERED** to endorse and forward the payments, along with any explanation of benefits, to the other conservator within three days of receiving such payment.

### **Maximizing Health Insurance Coverage**

Each party is **ORDERED** to comply with all health insurance {*Dental insurance is available at reasonable cost:* or dental} policy requirements in order to maximize the procedures and services covered as well as the amounts reimbursed by such policies. This Order includes but is not limited to complying with any advance notice, second opinion,

and preferred provider requirements contained in the insurance policy. A party who fails to comply with the requirements of the insurance policy shall be solely responsible for payment of any resulting unreimbursed costs.

### **Medical Notification**

**IT IS ORDERED** that each party shall notify the other party of any medical condition that requires a child to be hospitalized or to receive emergency and/or surgical treatment.

### **HIPAA Notification**

**IT IS ORDERED** that, within 30 days from the date this Order is entered, each party shall execute the following instruments, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability Act (HIPAA) and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.508:

- (a) all releases necessary to permit the other conservator to obtain health care information regarding the child[ren] subject to this suit; and
- (b) for each health care provider and for each child subject to this suit, an authorization for disclosure of protected health information to the other conservator.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party shall designate the other party as a person to whom protected health information regarding the child[ren] may be disclosed whenever the party executes an authorization for disclosure of protected health information pursuant to HIPAA and 45 C.F.R. Section 164.508.

### *{Alternate dispute resolution: Resolution of Future Disagreements*

The Court finds that [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent] have made the following agreement as evidenced by their signatures below:

## **{Collaborative Family Law Process**

If a collaborative family law matter, including a dispute, transaction, claim, problem, or issue arises and the matter is not an emergency, the parties agree that the party who seeks to have the matter resolved shall notify the other party in writing of the matter within a reasonable time after the matter arises, or shall provide other notice as required by the parties' Collaborative Family Law Participation Agreement.

With the exception of emergency situations or unless the parties agree to the contrary, the parties agree to first attempt to find a resolution to the matter through the collaborative family law process in accordance with Chapter 15 of the Texas Family Code and the Collaborative Family Law Participation Agreement signed on [date] and filed with the Court. The parties further agree to attempt to resolve the matter within [number of days] days from the date of receipt of written notice of the matter.

## **Confidentiality**

The parties understand and agree that communications made during the collaborative family law process and any records of such communications are privileged, not subject to disclosure, and may not be used as evidence against a party or other participant in a subsequent proceeding.

## **Neutral Consultant**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the parties agree to jointly engage a professional, expert, or advisor to serve in a neutral capacity and consult with the parties regarding the matter and resolutions that best serve the interests of the parties *{With children: and the child[ren]}*. The parties further agree that each party shall be responsible for one-half of the total costs for engaging the consultant.

The parties agree that a consultant participating in the collaborative family law process may not testify in a subsequent proceeding related to or arising out of the collaborative family law matter or may not be subject to a process requiring disclosure of privileged information or data related to the collaborative matter unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

### **Agreement to Hire Collaborative Lawyers**

The parties agree to each hire a collaborative lawyer to represent the party in the collaborative family law process. Although the parties are not required to arrive at a resolution of the collaborative matter, if the parties do not arrive at a resolution through the collaborative family law process or if the collaborative process terminates before a resolution is reached, the parties agree that each party's collaborative lawyer must withdraw from the representation.

### **Failure to Resolve Matter**

The parties agree to participate in at least one joint meeting between the parties and their respective collaborative lawyers to resolve the collaborative matter. After that initial meeting, if an agreement resolving the collaborative matter is not reached or the collaborative matter is only resolved in part, the parties understand that: they may agree to continue with the collaborative family law process until a resolution is reached; either or both parties may withdraw from the collaborative family law process; if the parties agree, the parties may participate in mediation in conjunction with the collaborative family law process; or the parties may take any other action authorized by the Collaborative Family Law Participation Agreement.



## **Exceptions to Collaborative Family Law Process**

The parties understand and agree that a party who is entitled to receive child support shall not be required to enforce the obligation through the collaborative family law process and a party obligated to pay child support shall not be required to follow the collaborative family law process before seeking to reduce an obligation.}

## **{Mediation**

Except in an emergency, the parties agree to attempt in good faith to resolve a dispute that arises through mediation before requesting modification of the terms and conditions of this Order through litigation. The parties agree that mediation shall not be required if a party seeks enforcement of this Order or any subsequent modifications of this Order.

The parties agree that the party who seeks the modification shall notify the other party in writing of the dispute within a reasonable time after the dispute arises, or shall provide other notice as otherwise agreed by the parties. The parties further agree to attempt to resolve the dispute within 30 days from the date of receipt of written notice of the dispute.

If, within 10 days after the receipt of written notice of the dispute, the parties cannot agree on a mediator or if one party refuses or fails to mediate, the parties agree that the party seeking modification may proceed to file suit. If the parties do mediate and an agreement resolving the dispute is not reached or the dispute is only resolved in part, the parties agree that the party seeking modification may proceed to file suit.}

## **{Arbitration**

When a dispute between the parties is not resolved between the parties or through mediation, the parties agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration pursuant to Chapter 171 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. The parties agree to use a mutually-selected arbitrator, or if an arbitrator cannot be agreed upon, the parties agree to use an arbitrator of the court's choosing. The parties further agree that each party shall be responsible for one-half of the total costs of arbitration.}}

## **{Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course: Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course**

**IT IS ORDERED** that the conservators attend a parent education and family stabilization course. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] each individually register, and attend [separately] a parent education and family stabilization course provided by [Name of provider] at [address], [phone number], on or before [date].

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] each obtain a certificate of completion, which states the name of the participant; the name of the course provider; the date the course was completed, and the manner of instruction, whether through personal instruction, videotape instruction, instruction through electronic means, or a combination of methods.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] shall each file a certification of completion or other comparable proof of completion of the parent education and family stabilization course with the clerk of the Court and mail a copy to the other party within 10 days after completion of the course.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party pay the costs of that conservator's attendance at the course.}

*{optional: Employment Services Related Order*

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [no later than [date], [obligor] shall enroll and participate fully in a program available in [obligor]'s community that provides employment assistance, skills training, or job placement services/[obligor] shall details for order to work or participate in a plan to pay].}

**{Parent [Coordinator/Facilitator]**

The Court finds that *{basis for order for appointment of coordinator/facilitator: [there is good cause shown/ it is in the best interest of the child[ren] of this suit/ this case is a high conflict case] it is necessary to appoint a parenting [coordinator/facilitator].*

*{Coordinator/facilitator meets requirements: The Court further finds that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] meets the minimum qualifications required by Section [153.610/153.6101] of the Texas Family Code.}*

*{Coordinator/facilitator does not meet requirements: The Court further finds that the parties agree that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] does not meet all of the statutory requirements of Section 153.610 of the Texas Family Code, but has sufficient training or experience in dispute resolution processes to serve as a parenting coordinator. The Court further finds that the parties have agreed to waive the minimum statutory requirements and to accept [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] as the coordinator in this case.}*

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] is appointed as parenting [coordinator/facilitator] in this matter.

*{Costs of services provision: **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [additional language for costs of services].}*

*{Copy of order to be delivered to coordinator/facilitator: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent] shall each deliver a copy of this Decree and completed information sheet to [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] within [number of days] days of the Court signing this Decree.}*

*{Deadlines for coordinator/facilitator: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall contact the parties within [number of days] days of accepting the appointment as parenting [coordinator/facilitator] to schedule the first [coordination/facilitation] session. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the first [coordination/facilitation] session shall take place on or before [date].}*

*{Limit matters to be addressed: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator], in performing the duties as parenting [coordinator/facilitator], shall be limited to matters that will aid the parties in: *{select all that apply:**

- (a) identifying disputed issues,
- (b) reducing misunderstandings,
- (c) clarifying priorities,
- (d) exploring possibilities for problem solving,
- (e) developing methods of collaboration in parenting,
- (f) understanding parenting plans and reaching agreements about parenting issues to be included in a parenting plan,
- (g) complying with the Court's Order regarding conservatorship or possession of and access to the child[ren],

- (h) implementing parenting plans,
- (i) obtaining training regarding problem solving, conflict management, and parenting skills,
- (j) settling disputes regarding parenting issues and reaching a proposed joint resolution or statement of intent regarding those disputes,
- (k) [other areas],}

*{Prohibit modification of the order: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall not modify any order, judgment, or decree of the Court.}}*

*{Payment for services: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Petitioner] shall pay [percentage amount] percent and [Name of Respondent] shall pay [percentage amount] percent of the parenting [coordinator/facilitator]'s fees. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party shall pay his or her share of the fees directly to the parenting [coordinator/facilitator], [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator], as required by the [coordinator/facilitator]'s terms and conditions.}}*

*{Parenting coordinator orders: Submit written report: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall submit a written report to the Court and to the parties [upon request of either party or the Court/time frame for submission of report]. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the written report shall be limited to a statement of whether the parent coordination should continue.}}*

*{Agreement to ethical guidelines: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall comply with the Ethical Guidelines for Mediators as adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 05-9107, June 13, 2005).{Submit statement of agreement: **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall sign a statement of agreement to comply with those*

guidelines and shall submit the statement to the Court within [number of days] days of acceptance of the appointment.}}

*{Capacity of services limited: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall only assist the parties through confidential procedures and shall not serve in any nonconfidential capacity in this case, including serving as an amicus attorney, guardian ad litem, or social study evaluator.}

*{Procedures for removal: LIT IS ORDERED* that, except as otherwise provided by Section 153.607 of the Texas Family Code, [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall be removed as parenting coordinator on the request and agreement of all parties; on the request of the parenting coordinator; on the motion of a party, if good cause is shown; or if parenting coordinator ceases to satisfy the minimum qualification required by Section 153.610 of the Texas Family Code.}}

*{Parenting facilitator orders: {Submit written report: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall submit a written report to the Court and to the parties [upon request of either party or the Court/time frame for submission of report].}

*{Maintain detailed records: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall keep a detailed record regarding meetings and contacts with [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent], their attorneys, or other persons involved in the suit.}

*{Make records available: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall make all records of parent facilitation available to the parties upon request.}

*{Compliance with standard of care: IT IS ORDERED* that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall comply with the standard of care applicable to the

professional license held by [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] in performing the parenting facilitator's duties.}

*{Disclosure of communication during session: **IT IS ORDERED** that a communication made by either [Name of Petitioner] or [Name of Respondent] during a parenting facilitation session is subject to disclosure and may be offered in any judicial or administrative proceeding, if otherwise admissible under the Texas Rules of Evidence.}*

*Disclose conflicts of interest: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator], after being appointed, shall immediately disclose any conflict of interest with or previous knowledge of a party or a child who is the subject of the suit to the Court, [Name of Petitioner], [Name of Respondent] and any attorney for the child[ren]. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall also withdraw from the suit unless, after disclosure, [Name of Petitioner], [Name of Respondent] and any attorney for the child[ren] agree in writing to [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator]'s continuation as the parenting facilitator.}*

*{Disclose relationship: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator], before accepting appointment in this suit and on or before [date], shall disclose to the Court, each attorney for a party, any attorney for a child who is the subject of the suit, and any party who does not have an attorney, the following:*

- (a) a pecuniary relationship with an attorney, party, or child in the suit;
- (b) a relationship of confidence or trust with an attorney, party, or child in the suit; and
- (c) other information regarding any relationship with an attorney, party, or child in the suit that might reasonably affect the ability of the person to act impartially during the person's service as parenting facilitator.}

*{Decline appointment if not all parties agree: **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall also decline the appointment unless, after disclosure, the parties' and, if any, the attorney for any child, agree in writing to [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator]'s continuation as the parenting facilitator in the suit.}*

*{Disclose communication: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall promptly and simultaneously disclose to each party's attorney, any attorney for a child who is a subject of the suit, and any party who does not have an attorney, the existence and substance of any communication between [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] and another person, including a party, a party's attorney, a child who is the subject of the suit, and any attorney for a child who is the subject of the suit, if the communication occurred outside of a parenting facilitator session and involved the substance of parenting facilitation.}*

*{Limit services: **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] may not serve in any other professional capacity at any other time with any person who is a party to, or the subject of, the suit in which the person serves as parenting facilitator, or with any member of the family, as defined in Section 71.003 of the Texas Family Code, of a party or subject, except for service as a teacher of co-parenting skills in a class conducted in a group setting.}*

*{Procedures for removal: **IT IS ORDERED** that, except as otherwise provided by Section 153.6071 of the Texas Family Code, [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] shall be removed on the request and agreement of all parties; on the request of [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator]; on the motion of a party, if good cause is shown; or if [Name of parenting coordinator/facilitator] ceases to satisfy the minimum qualification required by Section 153.6101 of the Texas Family Code.}}*



*{With children: Co-parenting Website*

**IT IS ORDERED** that, within 14 days of the Court's Order, [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator] register [at [name of co-parenting website] to participate in the co-parenting website. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that each party pay their own registration costs, and maintain such account until there is no child of the marriage younger than 18 years of age, or to which parental rights and duties are legally obligated.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [primary conservator] and [Name of Non Primary Conservator]'s participation in the co-parenting website is mandatory, and may be supplemented, but not substituted, by other forms of interaction and information exchange, such as in-person dialogue, telephone communication and electronic correspondence.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the following forms of information regarding [Names of children] shall be promptly added to the co-parenting website upon receipt *{time limitation:, and no later than 18 hours after receipt}*, if not provided by a school or organizational website: health care information, to include scheduled appointments, the outcome of health care appointments, uninsured health care reimbursement requests, and any other correspondence from the child[ren]'s health care provider; educational information, to include dates of vacation, early dismissals, field-trips, participation in mandatory activities outside of the usual school routine, participation in extra-curricular activities, award ceremonies, etc., receipt of positive or negative reports on a child's behavior, and any other correspondence from the child[ren]'s school; and any events where the child[ren]'s attendance may be requested, such as weddings, anniversary parties, and major family events and trips. Any request for court-ordered reimbursement of other expenses of the child[ren] may also be submitted through the website.

**IT IS ORDERED** that communication of emergency situations regarding the child[ren] need not occur through the website.}

**{Allocation of Tax Exemption for Dependent[s]}**

*{One party gets tax exemption for children every year: [IT IS ORDERED that [Party to claim tax exemption for children] has the right to claim [names of children] as [a] tax exemption[s] when filing federal income tax returns for [year] and for each subsequent year until the time the deduction is no longer permitted.}]}*

*{Parties alternate tax exemption: [IT IS ORDERED the tax exemption for dependent[s] based on the parties' alternate exemption each year is allocated as follows:*

*[Non-primary conservator] has the right to claim [names of children] as [a] tax exemption[s] when filing federal income tax returns for {Tax years for non-primary conservator: [even/odd]}-numbered years beginning in [year].}]}*

*{Parties split children for tax exemptions: IT IS ORDERED the tax exemption for dependents based on parties splitting dependent exemptions is allocated as follows:*

*[primary conservator] has the right to claim [Names of children who primary conservator claims as tax exemption] as [a] tax exemption[s] when filing federal income tax returns for [year] and for each subsequent year until the time the deduction is no longer permitted.}}*

*{Primary conservator releases claim to exemption: [[primary conservator] shall sign and deliver to [non-primary conservator] IRS Form 8332, "Release/Revocation of Release of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent" on or before March 1 of each year that [non-primary conservator] is assigned the tax exemption for [a child/the children].}]}*

{Information required by section 105.006: **Required Party Information**

The following is the information required by Section 105.006 of the Texas Family Code:

(a) Name: [Petitioner]

{Social Security Number:

*or*

[Name of Petitioner] has not been assigned a Social Security number.}

{Driver's License Number:

Issuing State:

*or*

[Name of Petitioner] has not been assigned a driver's license number.}

Current Residence:

E-mail:

Home Telephone Number:

Employer:

Address of Employment:

Work Telephone Number:

(b) Name: [Respondent]

{Social Security Number:

*or*

[Name of Respondent] has not been assigned a Social Security number. }

{Driver's License Number:

Issuing State:

*or*

[Name of Respondent] has not been assigned a driver's license number. }

Current Residence:  
E-mail:  
Home Telephone Number:  
Employer:  
Address of Employment:  
Work Telephone Number:

(c) Name: [name of child]

{Social Security Number:

*or*

[name of child] has not been assigned a Social Security number.

{Driver's License Number:

Issuing State:

*or*

[name of child] has not been assigned a driver's license number.}

Current Residence:

Home Telephone Number:

*{if protected info: [Name of protected party] Information Protected*

The Court finds, after notice and hearing that requiring [name of protected party] to provide the information required by Section 105.006(a)(2) of the Texas Family Code is likely to cause the conservator or the child[ren] harassment, abuse, serious harm, injury or to be subject to family violence.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [name of protected party] is not required to provide a current residence address, mailing address, e-mail address, home telephone number, name of employer, address of employment, and work telephone number to the Court or to [other party].

*{repeat for each protected party or child}*

**{if possession or child support ordered: Required Notices to the Parties**

**FAILURE TO OBEY A COURT ORDER FOR CHILD SUPPORT OR FOR POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD MAY RESULT IN FURTHER LITIGATION TO ENFORCE THE ORDER, INCLUDING CONTEMPT OF COURT. A FINDING OF CONTEMPT MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION, AND A MONEY JUDGMENT FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS.**

**FAILURE OF A PARTY TO MAKE A CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT TO THE PLACE AND IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY A COURT ORDER MAY RESULT IN THE PARTY NOT RECEIVING CREDIT FOR MAKING THE PAYMENT.**

**FAILURE OF A PARTY TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT DOES NOT JUSTIFY DENYING THAT PARTY COURT-ORDERED POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD. REFUSAL BY A PARTY TO ALLOW POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD DOES NOT JUSTIFY FAILURE TO PAY COURT-ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT TO THAT PARTY.**

**EACH PERSON WHO IS A PARTY TO THIS ORDER IS ORDERED TO NOTIFY EACH OTHER PARTY, THE COURT, AND THE STATE CASE REGISTRY OF ANY CHANGE IN THE PARTY'S CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS, MAILING ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER, NAME OF EMPLOYER, ADDRESS OF EMPLOYMENT, DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, AND WORK TELEPHONE NUMBER. THE PARTY IS ORDERED TO GIVE NOTICE OF AN INTENDED CHANGE IN ANY OF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION TO EACH OTHER PARTY, THE COURT, AND THE STATE CASE REGISTRY ON OR BEFORE THE 60TH DAY BEFORE THE INTENDED CHANGE. IF THE PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN OF THE CHANGE IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO PROVIDE 60-DAY NOTICE, THE**

**PARTY IS ORDERED TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE CHANGE ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTH DAY AFTER THE DATE THAT THE PARTY KNOWS OF THE CHANGE.**

**THE DUTY TO FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO EACH OTHER PARTY, THE COURT, AND THE STATE CASE REGISTRY CONTINUES AS LONG AS ANY PERSON, BY VIRTUE OF THIS ORDER, IS UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT OR ENTITLED TO POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CHILD.**

**FAILURE BY A PARTY TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THIS COURT TO PROVIDE EACH OTHER PARTY, THE COURT, AND THE STATE CASE REGISTRY WITH THE CHANGE IN THE REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN FURTHER LITIGATION TO ENFORCE THE ORDER, INCLUDING CONTEMPT OF COURT. A FINDING OF CONTEMPT MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION, AND A MONEY JUDGMENT FOR PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COURT COSTS.**

**NOTICE TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: YOU MAY USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF CHILD CUSTODY SPECIFIED IN THIS ORDER. A PEACE OFFICER WHO RELIES ON THE TERMS OF A COURT ORDER AND THE OFFICER'S AGENCY ARE ENTITLED TO THE APPLICABLE IMMUNITY AGAINST ANY CLAIM, CIVIL OR OTHERWISE, REGARDING THE OFFICER'S GOOD FAITH ACTS PERFORMED IN THE SCOPE OF THE OFFICER'S DUTIES IN ENFORCING THE TERMS OF THE ORDER THAT RELATE TO CHILD CUSTODY. ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY PRESENTS FOR ENFORCEMENT AN ORDER THAT IS INVALID OR NO LONGER IN EFFECT COMMITS AN OFFENSE THAT MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR AS LONG AS TWO YEARS AND A FINE OF AS MUCH AS \$10,000.**

Pursuant to Section 105.007 of the Texas Family Code, **IT IS ORDERED** that whenever notice is required to be given, [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent]

shall inform each other, this Court, and the state case registry of an intended change in any of the information required as long as any person, as a result of the order, is under an obligation to pay child support or is entitled to possession of or access to a child. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that notice of the intended change be given at the earlier of (1) the 60th day before the date the party intends to make the change; or (2) the fifth day after the date that the party knew of the change, if the party did not know or could not have known of the change in sufficient time to comply with (1) above.

Pursuant to Section 105.007 of the Texas Family Code, **IT IS ORDERED** that a party shall comply with this Order by giving written notice to each other party of an intended change in the party's current residence address, mailing address, e-mail address, home telephone number, name of employer, address of employment, and work telephone number. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the party must give written notice by registered or certified mail. Notice to this Court may also be given by delivering a copy of the notice in person to the clerk of this Court. Notice to the state case registry shall be given by delivery of a copy of the notice to State Case Registry, Contract Services Section, MC046S, P.O. Box 12017, Austin, Texas 78711-2017.}

### **{{{Permanent Injunction}}**

*{Petitioner enjoined:* The Court finds that it is necessary and equitable to permanently enjoin [Name of Petitioner] from certain acts *{child language: for the safety and welfare of the child[ren]}* and **ORDERS** that the permanent injunction is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Petitioner], including [his/her] officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, is permanently enjoined from the following acts:

*{Permanent injunctions ordered against the Petitioner – select from the following:*

- (a) intentionally communicating in person, by telephone or in writing with [names of Respondent and children] by use of vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner, with intent to annoy or alarm [Names of protected Respondent and children];
- (b) threatening [names of protected Respondent and children] in person, by telephone or in writing, to take unlawful action against any person, intending by this action to annoy or alarm [names of Respondent and children];
- (c) placing a telephone call, anonymously, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication with the intent to annoy or alarm [names of protected Respondent and children];
- (d) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to [names of protected Respondent and children];
- (e) threatening [names of protected Respondent and children] with imminent bodily injury;
- (f) disturbing the peace of [names of protected Respondent and children];
- (g) hiding or secreting the child[ren] from [Name of Respondent] or changing the child[ren]'s current place of residence without notice to [Name of Respondent];
- (h) making disparaging remarks regarding [Name of Respondent] or [his/her] family in the presence or within the hearing of the child[ren];



- (i) interfering with the possession of and access to [List of children] by [Name of Respondent], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;
- (j) going within [number] feet of the residence of [Respondent and/or children] at [address], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;
- (k) going within [number] feet of [name of employer], the current place of employment of [Name of Respondent], or any other place of employment of [Name of Respondent] at [address]}, except as authorized by the Court or this Order;
- (l) going within [number] feet of [name of business], the current business of [Respondent and/or children] at [address], or any other business of [Respondent and/or children], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;
- (m) going within [number] feet of the residence, child-care facility, or school which [List of children] normally attend or resides/attends or resides], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;
- (n) [other injunctions];}}

*{Respondent enjoined:* The Court finds that it is necessary and equitable to permanently enjoin [Name of Respondent] from certain acts *{child language: for the safety and welfare of the child[ren]}* and **ORDERS** that the permanent injunction is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Respondent], including [his/her] officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and those persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, is permanently enjoined from the following acts:

*{Permanent injunctions ordered against the Petitioner – select from the following:*

- (a) intentionally communicating in person, by telephone or in writing with [Names of protected petitioner and children] by use of vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner, with intent to annoy or alarm [Names of protected petitioner and children];
- (b) threatening [Names of protected petitioner and children] in person, by telephone or in writing, to take unlawful action against any person, intending by this action to annoy or alarm [Names of protected petitioner and children];
- (c) placing a telephone call, anonymously, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication with the intent to annoy or alarm [Names of protected petitioner and children];
- (d) intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to [Names of protected petitioner and children];
- (e) threatening [Names of protected petitioner and children] with imminent bodily injury;
- (f) disturbing the peace of [Names of protected petitioner and children];
- (g) hiding or secreting the child[ren] from [Name of Petitioner] or changing the child[ren]'s current place of residence without notice to [Name of Petitioner];
- (h) making disparaging remarks regarding [Name of Petitioner] or [his/her] family in the presence or within the hearing of the child[ren];
- (i) interfering with the possession of and access to [List of children] by [Name of Petitioner], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;

(j) going within [number] feet of the residence of [Petitioner and/or children] at [address], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;

(k) going within [number] feet of [employer name], the current place of employment of [Name of Petitioner], or any other place of employment of [Name of Petitioner]: at [address];

(l) going within [number] feet of [name of business], the current business of [Name of Petitioner] at [address], or any other business of [Name of Petitioner], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;

(m) going within [number] feet of the residence, child-care facility, or school which [List of children] normally [attend[s] or reside[s]], except as authorized by the Court or this Order;

(n) [other injunctions];}}

### **{False Allegations**

The Court finds that [name of party that brought false allegations]'s report alleging child abuse or neglect against [name of person accused], a party to this suit, was false and further finds that [name of party that brought false allegations] knew that the report lacked a factual foundation when [he/she] made it, therefore the Court deems the report to be a false report made knowingly. *{False report admissible as evidence: IT IS ORDERED that evidence of this false report of child abuse is admissible in this suit regarding the terms of conservatorship of a child.}* *{monetary penalty: IT IS [FURTHER] ORDERED that [name of party that brought false allegations] shall pay to [name of person accused] a civil penalty in the amount of \$[amount].}*

### **{Waiver of Writ**

[Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent] waive issuance and service of the Writ of Injunction, by stipulation or as evidenced by the signatures below. **IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of Petitioner] and [Name of Respondent] shall be deemed to be duly served with the Writ of Injunction.}

### **{Ad litem/amicus attorney discharged: Discharge**

The Court finds that [Name of the representative to serve on behalf of child or absent party] has completed all of the duties required by the appointment in this suit and Chapter 107 of the Texas Family Code and **ORDERS** that [Name of the representative to serve on behalf of child or absent party] is discharged from any further duties in this suit.}

### **{Merger of Agreement**

The Court finds that the parties previously entered into a [a mediated settlement/collaborative family law settlement/informal settlement conference agreements]. The parties agree that this Order is a merger of a [a mediated settlement/collaborative family law settlement/informal settlement conference agreements] and the parties further agree that this Order shall control in the event of any differences between the agreement and this Order.}

### **Attorney Fees**

*{To be pay own fees: IT IS ORDERED* that attorney's fees are to be borne by the party who incurred them.}

*{Specific party to pay fees: The Court finds that good cause exists to award [Name of party awarded fees] the amount of \$[amount] for the reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses incurred by [Name of party awarded fees] herein. IT IS*

**ORDERED** that [Name of attorney to be paid fees] is awarded a judgment of \$[amount] for reasonable and necessary attorney's fees against [Name of attorney to be paid fees], and that said judgment shall bear interest at the rate of [interest rate] percent per year, compounded annually, from the date of this Order until fully satisfied, for which let execution issue. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of party to pay fees] shall make full payment on said judgment in the form of cash, money order, or by certified or bank guaranteed funds on or before [time and date].}

*{Fees paid through appeal: IT IS FURTHER ORDERED* that [Name of party awarded fees] is awarded a judgment for attorney's fees on appeal for the services of [Name of party awarded fees]'s attorney, [Name of attorney to be paid fees], in the amount of \$[amount]. The judgment will bear interest from the date mandate is issued by the appropriate court of appeal, at [interest rate] percent per year, compounded annually, for which let execution issue. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the judgment against [Name of party to pay fees] for attorney's fees on appeal is conditioned on [Name of party to pay fees]'s pursuit of an appeal that ultimately proves unsuccessful.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of party to pay fees] shall be entitled to a reduction of the judgment as stated below, for any applicable provisions:

- (a) \$[amount] if a petition for review is granted by the Supreme Court of Texas but oral argument is not granted.
- (b) \$[amount] if briefing on the merits is not requested by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (c) \$[amount] if a responsive brief to the petition for review is not requested by the Supreme Court of Texas.

(d) \$[amount] if a petition for review is not filed with the Supreme Court of Texas.

(e) \$[amount] if there is no oral argument in the court of appeals.

(f) \$[amount] if an appellate brief is not filed with the court of appeals.

(g) \$[amount] if an appeal is not perfected to the court of appeals.}

*{Court costs: {Paid by specific party: **IT IS ORDERED** that all court costs incurred by [party awarded court costs] in prosecuting and defending [party to pay court costs]'s claims are taxed against [party to pay court costs], for which execution shall issue.}*

*{To be paid by party that incurred: **IT IS ORDERED** that all court costs are to be borne by the party who incurred them, for which execution shall issue if not paid.}*

*{Parties to split court costs: **IT IS ORDERED** that all court costs incurred shall be taxed as follows: [description of the request to split costs], for which execution shall issue if not paid.}}*

### **{Attorney Fees for Appointed [Attorney Ad Litem/Amicus Ad Litem]}**

The Court finds that [Name of representative attorney] was appointed as [attorney ad litem/amicus attorney] and shall be entitled to recover reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$[amount] and **IT IS ORDERED** that such judgment of \$[amount] shall be paid directly to [Name of representative attorney] on or before [date], by cash, cashier's check, or money order by [party ordered to pay representative fees] [in equal parts/as follows: [description]].

**IT IS ORDERED** that post-judgment interest shall accrue at a rate of [interest rate] percent per annum compounded annually from the date of judgment until paid. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that [Name of representative attorney] may enforce the order for

fees in the attorney's own name by any means available for the enforcement of a judgment for debt.}}

### **{Discovery Retention Requirement**

**{IT IS ORDERED** that the parties shall retain the originals or exact copies of the discovery materials served and not required to be filed during the pendency of this suit for a period of [number] months and **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that such materials shall be retained while any related appellate proceedings are pending.}

### *{Discovery not retained: **Discovery Retention Requirement***

**IT IS ORDERED** that the parties and their attorneys are discharged from the requirement to retain the originals or exact copies of the discovery materials served and not required to be filed during the pendency of this suit pursuant to Rule 191.4(d) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.}}

### *{optional: **Temporary Order Obligation Release***

**IT IS ORDERED** that [Name of petitioner] and [Name of respondent] are released from all further liabilities and obligation prescribed by this Court in the Temporary Orders entered on [Date of Temporary Orders].}

### **{Temporary Order Obligation Release**

IT IS ORDERED that all obligations and duties for temporary support [as well as [non-discharged obligation(s)],] prescribed by this Court's Temporary Orders entered on [Date of Temporary Orders], which are not satisfied as of the date of this Final Order, shall survive and are confirmed by this judgment, and independent enforcement may be sought.}}

{optional: **Agreement**

[List of parties] each acknowledge that prior to signing this Final Order, each has read the Order in its entirety, had the opportunity to ask questions relating to the Order and, accordingly, understand the terms of this Final Order. [List of parties], by signing below, further affirm that they believe that this agreed Final Order is in the best interests of the children subject to this suit, and each voluntarily affixes his or her signature to this Final Order, and does so without being subject to any coercion or duress, or any agreement other than as expressly provided in this Order.}

### **Relief Not Granted**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all relief requested and not specifically granted by the Court above is **DENIED**.

This is a final judgment for which let execution, together with all writs and processes necessary to enforce this judgment, issue. All claims and all parties related to this suit are disposed of and resolved, with finality, under this judgment, which is appealable.

This court retains the power to enforce or clarify the terms of this order. Such enforcement or clarification shall not alter or affect the finality of this order.

**SIGNED** on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE PRESIDING

### **APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

[primary attorney block]

[opposing attorney block]



*{Agreed Order:*

**APPROVED AND CONSENTED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:**

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[Name of Petitioner], Petitioner

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[Name of Respondent], Respondent}

[option for attachment of SPO]