

CAUSE NO. _____

[Fill out cause number and heading information EXACTLY as it is written on the Petition]

IN THE INTEREST OF §
MINOR CHILDREN: § IN THE
_____, § _____ COURT OF
_____, §
_____, §
_____, § _____ COUNTY, TEXAS
[Print the children's names.] §

ORDER DETERMINING PARENTAGE

Today, the Court heard this case.

APPEARANCES [CHECK all that apply.]

Petitioner:

- Petitioner, _____, appeared in person and announced ready for trial.
- Petitioner, _____, did not appear in person but has agreed to the terms of this order as evidenced by Petitioner's signature below.

Respondent A:

- Respondent A, _____, appeared in person, and announced ready for trial.
- although duly and properly cited, did not appear and wholly made default.
- waived issuance and service of citation by waiver duly filed and, after receiving proper notice, did not otherwise appear.
- has made a general appearance and has agreed to the terms of this order, as evidenced by the signature of Respondent below.

Respondent B:

- Respondent B, _____, appeared in person, and announced ready for trial.
- although duly and properly cited, did not appear and wholly made default.
- waived issuance and service of citation by waiver duly filed and, after receiving proper notice, did not otherwise appear.
- has made a general appearance and has agreed to the terms of this order, as evidenced by the signature of Respondent below.

Respondent C:

- Respondent C, _____, appeared in person, and announced ready for trial.
- although duly and properly cited, did not appear and wholly made default.
- waived issuance and service of citation by waiver duly filed and, after receiving proper notice, did not otherwise appear.
- has made a general appearance and has agreed to the terms of this order, as evidenced by the signature of Respondent below.

Respondent D:

- Respondent D, _____, appeared in person, and announced ready for trial.
- although duly and properly cited, did not appear and wholly made default.
- waived issuance and service of citation by waiver duly filed and, after receiving proper notice, did not otherwise appear.
- has made a general appearance and has agreed to the terms of this order, as evidenced by the signature of Respondent below.

Respondent E:

- Respondent E, _____, appeared in person, and announced ready for trial.
- although duly and properly cited, did not appear and wholly made default.
- waived issuance and service of citation by waiver duly filed and, after receiving proper notice, did not otherwise appear.
- has made a general appearance and has agreed to the terms of this order, as evidenced by the signature of Respondent below.

Ad litem

- _____, the Court-appointed guardian ad litem for the children also appeared.
- _____, the Court-appointed attorney ad litem for the children also appeared.
- _____, the Court-appointed attorney ad litem for _____ also appeared.
- _____, the Court-appointed attorney ad litem for _____ also appeared.
- _____, the Court-appointed attorney ad litem for _____ also appeared.

JURISDICTION

The Court finds that it has jurisdiction of this case and all of the parties. All persons entitled to citation were properly cited.

RECORD

- A record of testimony was waived by the parties with the consent of the Court.
[A court reporter did not type what was said. You should request that a record be made if a respondent was served, but he or she did not file a written response and is not present before the court in this case.]
- A record of testimony was made. [A court reporter typed what was said.]

CHILDREN

The Court finds that the following children are the subject of this suit:

	<u>Child's name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Current Address</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ADJUDICATION OF NONPARENTAGE

The Court finds that admissible results of genetic testing exclude _____
[PRINT name of nonfather.]
or identify another man as the father of the child _____
[PRINT name of child.]

IT IS ORDERED that _____
[PRINT name of nonfather.]
is not, and he is adjudicated not to be, the father of the child _____,
[PRINT name of child.]
born on [date] _____ to [mother] _____.

ATTORNEY’S FEES

IT IS ORDERED that good cause exists to award _____
[PRINT name of attorney ad litem.]
judgment in the amount of \$ _____ for attorney’s fees, expenses, and costs incurred.

The judgment, for which let execution issue, is awarded against:

- Petitioner Respondent A Respondent B
- Respondent C Respondent D Respondent E

[PRINT name of party ordered to pay.] _____ is ORDERED to
pay the fees, expenses, costs, and interest to _____ at
[PRINT name of attorney ad litem.]
[PRINT address.] _____ by cash, cashier’s check, or money order
on or before [date]. _____

[PRINT name of attorney.] _____ may enforce this judgment
for fees, expenses, and costs in his or her own name by any means available for the enforcement
of a judgment for debt.

PARENTAGE FINDINGS [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.]

- The Court finds that the alleged father, [PRINT alleged father's name.] _____, was duly and properly cited but did not appear and wholly made default, that the return of citation has been on file for at least ten days, and that evidence before the Court shows him to be the father of [PRINT name of child.]_____.

- The Court finds that the alleged father, [PRINT alleged father's name.] _____, has admitted to the paternity of the child, [PRINT child's name.] _____, by pleading or in open court under oath and that there is no reason to question the admission.

- The Court finds that the alleged father, [PRINT alleged father's name.] _____, has denied parentage of [PRINT child's name.] _____, but refused to submit to genetic testing.

- The Court finds the mother has denied that the alleged father, [PRINT alleged father's name.] _____, is the father of [PRINT child's name.] _____, but refused to submit to genetic testing.

- The Court finds that [PRINT alleged father's name.] _____ has denied parentage but that the genetic testing results show him to be the father of the child, [PRINT child's name.] _____.

- The Court finds that _____ is the presumed / acknowledged / adjudicated father of [PRINT child's name.] _____ and that admissible results of genetic testing do not exclude him or identify another man as the father of the child.

ADJUDICATION OF PARENTAGE

IT IS ORDERED that [PRINT father's name.] _____ is, and he is adjudicated to be, the father of [PRINT child's name.] _____ born on [date] _____ to _____, mother, and that the parent-child relationship between the father and the child is established for all purposes.

PARENTING PLAN - CONSERVATORSHIP, SUPPORT, AND HEALTH-CARE EXPENSES

The Court finds that the Exhibits described below are the Parenting Plan and are incorporated into this decree for all purposes.

The Court finds that the orders set out in Exhibit Conservatorship are in the best interest of the children.

The Court finds that the orders set out in Exhibit Child Support, attached, are in the best interest of the children.

The Court finds that the orders set out in Exhibit Medical Support, attached, are in the best interest of the children.

The Court finds that the orders set out in Exhibit Possession and Access, attached, are in the best interest of the children.

The Court finds that _____ should be ordered to
[PRINT name of person ordered to share in health-care expenses.]
pay an equitable portion of all prenatal and postnatal health-care expenses of the mother and the children. It should be paid as follows:

NAMES OF CHILDREN

IT IS ORDERED that the child formerly known as _____
[PRINT child's former first, last, and middle names.]
shall hereafter be named _____.
[PRINT child's new first, last, and middle names.]

AMENDMENT OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE

IT IS ORDERED that the bureau of vital statistics shall amend the birth record of the child formerly known as [PRINT child's former first, last, and middle names.] _____, by :

[CHECK all that apply.]

- adding [PRINT the father's name.] _____, identified as the father by this order as the father of the child.
- and by removing [PRINT the non-father's name.] _____, adjudicated by this order as not being the father of the child, from the birth record.
- changing the child's name as specified above.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Information required by section 105.006 of the Texas Family Code is attached in Exhibit Required Information, which is attached and incorporated into this Order for all purposes.

REQUIRED NOTICES

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, 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 shall be given to the other party by delivering a copy of the notice to the party by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be given to the Court by delivering a copy of the notice either in person to the clerk of this Court or by registered or certified mail addressed to the clerk at _____[address.] Notice shall be given to the state case registry by mailing a copy of the notice to State Case Registry, Contract Services Section, MC046S, P.O. Box 12017, Austin, Texas 78711-2017.

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.

WARNINGS

WARNINGS TO 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'S 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.

COSTS

All costs of court in this case are adjudged against _____, for which let execution issue.

IT IS ORDERED that _____ is awarded a judgment of \$_____ against _____ for costs of court incurred in this case, with interest at _____ percent per year compounded annually from the date the judgment is signed until paid, for which let execution issue.

IT IS ORDERED that costs of court are to be borne by the party who incurred them, for which let no execution issue.

IT IS ORDERED that all costs of court expended in this case are taxed one-half against Petitioner, _____, and one-half against Respondent, _____, for which let execution issue.

RELIEF NOT GRANTED

IT IS ORDERED that all relief requested in this case and not expressly granted is denied.

DATE OF ORDER

SIGNED on _____.

JUDGE PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

[Petitioner's signature]
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

Respondent A's signature
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

[Respondent B's signature]
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

[Respondent C's signature]
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

Respondent D's signature
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

Respondent E's signature
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

Guardian Ad Litem's signature
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____

[Printed name]

Attorney Ad Litem's signature
State Bar No.: _____
[Address] _____
[Telephone] _____
[Fax] _____