IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

_____,	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	Civil Action Case No. _____
vs.	)	
	)	
_____,	)	
Respondent.	)	

ORDER OF LEGITIMATION

The above Petition having come before the Court, and in consideration thereof and of the entire record in this matter, it is accordingly ADJUDGED and ORDERED as follows, checking and completing *only* those paragraphs that apply:

☐ 1. That the child(ren) named in the Petition, to wit:

Name	Male/Female	Year of Birth
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

be declared the legitimate child(ren) of Petitioner, _____, and capable of inheriting from him. The Court finds that the legitimation is in the best interests of the minor child/children that this Legitimation be granted.

☐ 2. That the Department of Vital Statistics forthwith amend and reissue the birth certificate of each child listed above to indicate that _____, the Petitioner herein, is the father of said child.

☐ 3. That the Department of Vital Statistics forthwith remove from the birth certificate of each child listed above _____ as the father of said child(ren) and replace it with the name of the Petitioner, _____.

☐ 4. That the surname of each child named in the Petition hereby be changed to _____. The Department of Vital Statistics is hereby directed to amend and reissue the birth certificate of each child listed above to reflect the change of

the child(ren)'s name(s) to_____.

☐ 5. That the Agreement entered into by the parties and filed with the Court on _____ is hereby attached and adopted by the Court. Each party is ORDERED to abide by the terms of that Agreement.

☐ 6. **Custody of the Minor Child(ren):**

☐ (a) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall have sole permanent custody of the child(ren).

☐ (b) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall have primary physical custody of the children, and both parties shall have joint legal custody of them. The parties shall consult each other and try to reach a joint decision on all major issues concerning the child(ren)'s education, health care and religious upbringing. However, if the parties are not able to reach a joint decision concerning one of these major issues, the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall make the final decision on the issue.

☐ (c) The Mother, _____, of the minor child(ren) is deceased. The Petitioner is hereby awarded legal and physical custody of the minor child(ren).

☐ 7. **Visitation with the Minor Child(ren) is awarded to Petitioner**
See Parenting Plan Order for the specific terms of visitation.

☐ 8. **Child Support:**

☐ (a) This issue is not addressed in this order, either because the Court lacks personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, or because the parties have not asked the Court to decide the issue of child support.

☐ (b) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall pay to the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent), for the support of the minor child(ren). *See Child Support Addendum Order for the specific terms of child support*.

☐ 10. **Health Insurance for Minor Child(ren):**

☐ (a) This issue is not addressed herein, either because the Court lacks personal

jurisdiction over the Respondent, or because neither party has asked the Court to address the issue of health insurance in this action.

☐ (b) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall maintain a policy of medical, dental and hospitalization insurance for the benefit of the minor child(ren), until each child reaches the age of eighteen, dies, marries, or otherwise becomes emancipated; except that if a child becomes eighteen years old while enrolled in and attending secondary school on a full-time basis, then the insurance shall continue until that child has graduated from secondary school or reaches twenty years of age, whichever occurs first. The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall provide the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) with an insurance identification card or such other acceptable proof of insurance coverage and shall cooperate with the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) in submitting claims under the policy. All money received by the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) for claims processed under the insurance policy shall be paid to the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) or to the applicable health care service provider within five (5) days of receipt of the money.

☐ (c) **Only** if not already reflected in the calculation of child support as evidenced by the attached Child Support Addendum and worksheets, _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall provide verification of the amount paid for the children's share of the cost of medical, dental and hospitalization insurance. The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall reimburse the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) for _____% of the cost within fifteen (15) days after receiving the verification.

☐ 11. **Medical Expenses for Minor Child(ren):**

☐ (a) This issue is not addressed herein, either because the Court lacks personal jurisdiction over the Respondent, or because neither party has asked the Court to address the issue of the child(ren)'s health care expenses in this action.

☐ (b) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall be responsible for all expenses incurred for the children=s health care (including medical, dental, mental health and hospital care) that are not covered by insurance. The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall provide verification to the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) of amounts paid or incurred for the children's health care. The _____(Petitioner or Respondent) shall reimburse the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) or pay the health care provider directly within fifteen (15) days after receiving the verification of a particular health care expense.

☐ (c) The _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall pay _____% and the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) shall pay _____% of all expenses incurred for the children=s health care (including medical, dental, mental health and hospital care) that are not covered by insurance. The party who incurs a health care expense for one of the children shall provide verification of the amount to the other party. That other party shall reimburse the incurring party (or pay the health care provider directly) for the appropriate percentage of the expense, within fifteen (15) days after receiving the verification of a particular health care expense.

☐ 12. **Life Insurance to Support Minor Child(ren):**

☐ (a) This issue is not addressed herein, either because the Court lacks personal jurisdiction over the Respondent, or because neither party has asked the Court to address the issue of life insurance for the benefit of the child(ren) in this action.

☐ (b) The child(ren) depend(s) on the _____ (Petitioner or Respondent) for financial support, and therefore the (Petitioner or Respondent) shall maintain a policy of insurance on his/her life, with a face amount of at least $_____, for the benefit of the minor child(ren). The policy shall be maintained for so long as at least one of the children is a minor or is otherwise entitled to support under this Order.

☐ (c) The children depend on both parties for financial support, and therefore each party shall maintain a policy of insurance on his/her life, with a face amount of at least $ _____ for the benefit of the minor children. Both policies shall be maintained for so long as at least one of the children is a minor or is otherwise entitled to support under this Order.

SO ORDERED this the ____ day of _____, 200____.

_____
JUDGE
Superior Court of _____ County