

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

FINAL JUDGMENT OF PATERNITY

This cause came before the Court upon a Petition to Determine Paternity and for Related Relief, under chapter 742, Florida Statutes. The Court having reviewed the file and having heard the testimony, makes these findings of fact and reaches these conclusions of law:

1. The Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties.
2. **Paternity.** *{Choose only one}* ____ By operation of law, ____ The Court finds that *{full legal name}* _____ is the natural and biological father of the minor child(ren), listed below:

The parties' dependent or minor child(ren) is (are):

| Name | Birth date |
|-------|------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

SECTION I. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND PARENTING PLAN ESTABLISHING TIME-SHARING WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)

1. **Jurisdiction.** The Court has jurisdiction to determine parental responsibility and to adopt or establish a Parenting Plan with time-sharing with regard to the child(ren) listed in paragraph 2 above.
2. **Parental Responsibility and Parenting Plan for the Minor Child(ren).**
{Choose only one}
 - a. ____ **Not adjudicated.** Since no request for relief was made in this action, parental responsibility of and time-sharing with the minor child(ren) is governed by sections 742.031 and 744.301, Florida Statutes.

b. _____ **Parenting Plan**. The parties shall comply with the Parenting Plan which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit _____.

SECTION II. CHILD SUPPORT

1. The Court finds that there is a need for child support and that the _____ Mother _____ Father (hereinafter Obligor) has the present ability to pay child support. The amounts in the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), filed by the _____ Mother _____ Father are correct **OR** the Court makes the following findings:

The Mother's net monthly income is \$_____, (Child Support Guidelines _____%).
The Father's net monthly income is \$_____, (Child Support Guidelines _____%).
Monthly child care costs are \$_____.
Monthly health/dental insurance costs are \$_____.

2. **Amount.**

Child support established at the rate of \$_____ per month for the _____ children *{total number of parties' minor or dependent children}* shall be paid commencing _____ *{month, day, year}* and terminating _____ *{month, day, year}*. Child support shall be paid in the amount of \$_____ per _____ *{week, month, other}* which is consistent with the Obligor's current payroll cycle.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$_____ for the remaining _____ children *{total number of remaining children}* shall be paid commencing _____ *{month, day, year}* and terminating _____ *{month, day, year}*. This child support shall be paid in the amount of \$_____ per _____ *{week, month, other}* consistent with Obligor's current payroll cycle.

{Insert schedule for the child support obligation, including the amount, and commencement and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases. Please indicate whether the schedule _____ appears below or _____ is attached as part of this form.}

The Obligor shall pay child support until all of the minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19, and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines by more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: _____

3. **Arrearage/Retroactive Child Support.**

a. ___ There is no retroactive child support or arrearage at the time of this Final Judgment.

b. ___ The ___ Mother ___ Father ___ both has (have) incurred medical expenses in the amount of \$ _____ on behalf of the minor child(ren), including hospital and other expenses incidental to the birth of the minor child(ren). Petitioner shall pay _____%, Respondent shall pay _____%, which shall be paid as follows: ___ added to arrearage in paragraph c below ___ other {*explain*}

c. ___ The ___ Mother ___ Father shall pay to the other party the child support arrearage of:

\$ _____ for retroactive child support, as of {*date*} _____.

\$ _____ for previously ordered unpaid child support, as of {*date*} _____.

\$ _____ for previously incurred medical expenses.

The total of \$ _____ in child support arrearage shall be repaid at the rate of \$ _____ per month, payable () in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least once a month () other {*explain*} _____

_____ beginning {*date*} _____, until paid in full including statutory interest.

4. **Insurance.**

{*Indicate all that apply*}

a. ___ **Health/Dental Insurance.** ___ Mother ___ Father shall be required to maintain: ___ health and/or ___ dental insurance for the parties' minor child(ren), so long as it is reasonable in cost and accessible to the child(ren). The party providing insurance shall be required to convey insurance cards demonstrating said coverage to the other party;

OR

___ health ___ dental insurance is not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time.

b. ___ Reasonable and necessary **uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug costs** for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:

___ Shared equally by both parents.

___ Prorated according to the child support guideline percentages.

____ Other {explain}: _____

As to these uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit request for reimbursement to the other party within 30 days, and the other party, within 30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense, according to the schedule of reimbursement set out in this paragraph.

5. ____ **Life Insurance (to secure payment of support).** To secure the child support obligations in this judgment, ____ Mother ____ Father ____ each party shall maintain life insurance coverage, in an amount of at least \$_____, on ____ his life ____ her life ____ his/her life naming the ____ minor child(ren) as the beneficiary(ies) OR naming the ____ Mother ____ Father ____ other {name} _____ as Trustee for the minor child(ren), so long as reasonably available. The obligation to maintain the life insurance coverage shall continue until the youngest child turns 18, becomes emancipated, marries, joins the armed services, dies, or otherwise becomes self-supporting.

6. ____ **IRS Income Tax Exemption(s).** The assignment of any tax exemption(s) for the child(ren) shall be as follows:

_____.

Further, each party shall execute any and all IRS forms necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph.

7. **Other provisions relating to child support:** _____

_____.

SECTION III. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Obligor shall pay court-ordered child support/alimony and arrears, if any, as follows:

1. Place of Payment

a. ____ Obligor shall pay court-ordered support directly to either the State Disbursement Unit, or the central depository, as required by statute, along with any fee required by statute.

OR

b. ____ Both parties have requested and the court finds that it is in the best interests of the child(ren) that support payments need not be directed through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository at this time; however, either party may subsequently apply, pursuant to section 61.13(1)(d)3, Florida Statutes, to require payments through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository.

2. Income Deduction.

a. ____ **Immediate.** Obligor shall pay through income deduction, pursuant to a separate Income Deduction Order which shall be effective immediately. Obligor is individually responsible for paying this support obligation until all of said support is deducted from

Obligor's income. Until support payments are deducted from Obligor's paycheck, Obligor is responsible for making timely payments directly to the State Disbursement Unit or the Obligee, as previously set forth in this order.

- b. **Deferred.** Income deduction is ordered this day, but it shall not be effective until a delinquency of \$, or, if not specified, an amount equal to one month's obligation occurs. Income deduction is not being implemented immediately based on the following findings: Income deduction is **not** in the best interests of the child(ren) because: *{explain}*

AND

there is proof of timely payment of a previously ordered obligation without an income deduction order in cases of modification,

AND

 there is an agreement by the Obligor to advise the Title IV-D agency, the clerk of court, and the Obligee of any change in Payor and/or health insurance

OR

 there is a signed written agreement providing an alternative arrangement between the Obligor and the Obligee and, at the option of the IV-D agency, by the IV-D agency in IV-D cases in which there is an assignment of support rights to the state, reviewed and entered in the record by the court.

- 3. **Bonus/one-time payments.** All % No income paid in the form of a bonus or other similar one-time payment, up to the amount of any arrearage or the remaining balance thereof owed pursuant to this order, shall be forwarded to Obligee pursuant to the payment method prescribed above.

- 4. **Other provisions relating to method of payment.** _____

SECTION IV. CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S)

- a. There shall be **no change** to the child(ren)'s name(s).

- b. It is in the child(ren)'s best interests that the child(ren)'s present name(s): _____ shall be changed to the following:

- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| (1) _____ | (1) _____ |
| (2) _____ | (2) _____ |
| (3) _____ | (3) _____ |
| (4) _____ | (4) _____ |
| (5) _____ | (5) _____ |
| (6) _____ | (6) _____ |

by which they shall hereafter be known

- c. The name change is in the best interest(s) of the child(ren) because: _____

_____.

SECTION V. ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, AND SUIT MONEY

1. _____ Petitioner's _____ Respondent's request(s) for attorney's fees, costs, and suit money is (are) denied because _____
_____.

2. _____ The Court finds there is a need for and an ability to pay attorney's fees, costs, and suit money. _____ Petitioner _____ Respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the other party \$_____ in attorney's fees, and \$_____ in costs. The Court further finds that the attorney's fees awarded are based on the reasonable rate of \$_____ per hour and _____ reasonable hours. Other provisions relating to attorney's fees, costs, and suit money are as follows: _____

_____.

3. The costs of the scientific paternity testing shall be assessed:
_____ against Petitioner
_____ against Respondent
_____ Other {explain} _____.

SECTION VI. OTHER PROVISIONS

1. **Other Provisions.** _____

_____.

The Court reserves jurisdiction to modify and enforce this Final Judgment.

DONE AND ORDERED at _____, Florida, on _____.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

I CERTIFY that a copy of this *{name of document}* _____ was
() mailed () faxed and mailed () e-mailed () hand-delivered to the parties or entities listed
below on *{date}* _____.

(SEAL)

By: _____
{Clerk of court or designee}

Petitioner (or his or her attorney)
Respondent (or his or her attorney)
Central depository
State Disbursement Unit

____ Other: _____