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**IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
UTAH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH
137 N. Freedom Blvd. Suite 100, Provo, UT 84601**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE
OF:

KEVIN CHARLES DOWLING

Petitioner,

and

LAREN ELIZABETH DOWLING

Respondent.

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Case No.: 24402902
Judge: Christine Johnson
Commissioner: Marian Ito

The Court having previously entered Laren's default, having denied Laren's Motion to Set Aside Default, having conducted a default hearing and received evidence on the merits, having issued its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for good cause appearing, it is, hereby, ordered and decreed:

1. Divorce. The parties are, hereby, granted a Decree of Divorce dissolving the bonds of marriage on the grounds of irreconcilable differences.

2. Children. There have been three (3) minor children born as issue of this marriage:

Minor Children's Names	Minor Children's Birthdates
N.P.D.	August 2014 - Ten (10) Years Old
C.R.D.	August 2018 - Six (6) Years Old
G.E.D.	January 2021 - Three (3) Years Old

3. Physical Custody: Kevin is, hereby, awarded sole physical custody of the minor children, subject to Laren's rights to reasonable parent-time as defined herein.

4. Parent-time. Laren's parent-time shall be defined under Utah Code § 81-9-209 (relocation statute), with Laren being designated the relocating parent. Laren's parent-time shall be as follows:

a. Holiday Parent-time. The holiday parent-time shall be allocated as follows:

Holiday Parent-time	Odd Years	Even Years
Spring Break beginning the last day of school before the holiday until the day before school resumes	Laren	Kevin
Fall Break beginning the last day of school before the holiday until the day before school resumes	Kevin	Laren
Thanksgiving holiday beginning the Wednesday before the holiday until the Sunday after the holiday	Laren	Kevin
Winter break beginning the last day of school before the holiday until the day before school resumes	Kevin	Laren

b. Extended Parent-time. Laren shall have extended parent-time equal to ½ of the summer or off-track time for consecutive weeks. The minor children shall be returned to Kevin no later than seven days before school begins, except that this week is counted when determining the amount of

parent-time to be divided between the parents for the summer or off-track period.

c. Monthly Weekend. At the option and expense of Laren, she is entitled to one (1) weekend per month subject to the following limitations:

i. If Laren has not designated a specific weekend for parent-time, she shall receive the last weekend of each month unless a holiday assigned to the Kevin falls on that particular weekend;

ii. If Laren's extended parent-time or parent-time over a holiday extends into or through the first weekend of the next month, that weekend shall be considered Laren's monthly weekend entitlement for that month;

iii. If the minor children are out of school for teacher development days or snow days after the minor child begins the school year, or other days not included in the holidays provided herein, and those days are contiguous with Laren's monthly weekend parent-time, those days shall be included in the weekend parent-time.

d. Kevin is entitled to all parent-time not specifically allocated to the noncustodial parent.

5. Transportation Costs. As the relocating party, Laren shall be responsible for all the minor child's travel expenses for holiday parent-time and her monthly weekend. Provided that Laren is current on her support obligations, Kevin is responsible for ½ of the child's travel expenses for her extended parent-time. A party responsible for travel expenses shall make a

reimbursement to the other for the minor children's travel expenses within 30 days of receipt of documents detailing those expenses.

6. Safety Plan. Due to Laren's significant mental health issues, which have necessitated several investigations and an intervention by the Department of Child and Family Services, additional requirements should be put in place for the safety and well-being of the minor children while Laren is exercising parent time.

a. Laren shall be required to stay in treatment with a psychiatrist and/or therapist as recommended by those professionals, attend all appointments with said professionals, and follow all treatment recommendations of those professionals. Laren shall be required to take all prescribed mental health medication(s) if said professionals prescribe them.

b. Laren shall ensure that the home environment of the minor children is organized, clean, sterile, safe, and suitable while she is exercising parent time.

c. Laren shall ensure that the minor children are adequately dressed for the temperature and environment in clean, appropriately sized, and well-maintained clothing.

d. Laren shall ensure that the minor children are appropriately fed, provided meals in portions sufficient for their needs, and meals plus snacks are served at appropriate times.

e. In addition to standard virtual parent time visitation with the minor children during Laren's parent time, Kevin shall be allowed to call or virtually communicate with them to ensure they are well taken care of while in Laren's physical care.

f. Laren shall sign whatever documents her psychiatrist and/or therapist require, allowing them to discuss with Kevin that Laren is attending her appointments as they are recommending, as well as requiring them to consult with Kevin their opinions as to whether or not Laren is emotionally and mentally stable enough to exercise unsupervised parent time with the minor children, and requiring them to discuss with Laren any medication(s) prescribed to her as well as the associated details of those prescriptions, and their opinion as to whether or not Laren is taking her medication(s) as prescribed.

g. If Kevin is informed Laren has not been attending her appointments as recommended, taking any prescribed medication(s) as prescribed, or is not mentally and emotionally stable enough to exercise unsupervised parent time; or if Laren is mentally, emotionally, verbally, or physically abusive or neglectful of the minor children or if her mental health issues are not being addressed or the home environment is not suitable for the minor children to exercise parent time in her home, then Laren's parent time shall immediately be supervised at Laren's expense. Laren's parent time will not be allowed to return to unsupervised parent time until she has been

mentally stable, maintained a suitable home environment free from hoarding, and followed the recommendations, including the taking prescribed medication(s), of her psychiatrist and/or therapist for six (6) months.

7. Legal Custody/Parenting Plan. The parties shall have joint legal custody of the minor children and shall adopt the Advisory Guidelines pursuant to Utah Code § 81-9-202 as a parenting plan. In addition, the parties shall be bound by the following parenting plan, which is filed in good faith:

a. The parties shall cooperate regarding the minor children's physical care, financial care, and emotional support.

b. The parties shall share information as follows:

i. Each parent shall have access directly to all medical information, including medical records, and shall be notified immediately by the other parent in the event of a medical emergency involving the minor child.

ii. Each parent shall make efforts to learn independently of all organized events in the children's lives that permit parental and family participation. These include activities such as church functions, athletic events, recitals, school programs, etc.

iii. Each parent shall encourage the other parent to communicate with all doctors, clinics, school nurses, counselors, and other healthcare providers regarding the health and welfare of the children.

iv. Each parent shall immediately advise the other parent of any changes in their addresses, telephone numbers, or other information pertinent to communication.

v. When traveling with the minor children, the parties shall give all information required by U.C.A. § 81-9-202(19), to wit: 1) an itinerary of travel dates; 2) destinations; 3) places where the children or traveling parent can be reached; and 4) the name and telephone number of an available third person who would be knowledgeable of the children's location.

c. The parties shall abide by the following decision-making procedures.

i. The parent with whom the children are residing at the time shall make day-to-day decisions regarding the care, control, and discipline of the minor children so long as it is not mentally, verbally, emotionally, or physically abusive or neglectful.

ii. Kevin shall have final decision-making authority regarding all legal custody issues, including but not limited to religious, educational, medical, social, etc.

d. The parties shall follow these other parenting plan provisions:

i. The parties shall make reasonable efforts to be effective co-parents. They shall support each other as parents and specifically support the teaching of values to the parties' minor children.

ii. The parties shall be flexible and workable with each other to maximize the quality of parent time each parent shall have with the minor children and support pre-planned and agreed-upon extracurricular activities.

iii. Both parents should agree to any changes to previously calendared parent time in writing, via text or e-mail.

iv. Each parent shall give special consideration to making the children available to attend family functions, including funerals, weddings, family reunions, religious holidays, important ceremonies, and other significant events in the children's or parent's life that may inadvertently conflict with the parent time schedule.

v. Neither parent shall have any overnight guests with whom they are having a sexual relationship unless they are married to that individual while the children are in their care.

vi. The parties shall equally split reasonable expenditures for the children, including cell phones, auto insurance (if the children have a car), and the purchase of vehicles when the children are able to drive.

8. Relocation Notice. If either parent relocates more than one hundred and fifty (150) miles from their current address, notice shall be provided sixty (60) days prior to relocation, pursuant to U.C.A. § 81-9-209, and the Court retains jurisdiction to determine if relocation is in the best interests of the minor children

9. Mutual Restraining Orders. The parties shall abide by the following mutual restraining orders:

a. Both parties shall be mutually restrained from harassing and threatening the other party. The parties shall refrain from making derogatory or disparaging comments about the other party in the presence of the children. Both parties shall be mutually restrained from allowing third parties to do what they themselves are prohibited from doing under this paragraph. The parties shall have an affirmative duty to use their best efforts to prevent third parties from such violations or shall remove the minor children from such circumstances.

b. The parties shall not relay messages to each other through the minor children. Further, tentative plans involving both parents and needing the other parent's consent will not be discussed with the minor children until after the other parent has agreed to the plan.

c. The parties shall not argue with each other within the hearing or in the conscious presence of the minor children or allow any other person to do so.

d. Neither party shall schedule activities directly with the children that conflict with the other party's parent time prior to obtaining written consent from the other parent.

e. Neither party shall use the other's likeness or post about the other party on any form of social media unless prior and written approval has

been given by the other party to post about them. Neither party shall make negative posts or comments or post other information about the other party on social media.

f. Neither party shall communicate with the other party's place of employment to disparage the other party and/or attempt to have the other party lose their job.

10. Child Support. Laren's gross monthly imputed income is \$3,467.00 per month. Kevin's gross monthly income is \$9,855.00 per month. Effective February 1, 2026, Laren shall pay child support to Kevin in the amount of \$596.00 per month. Unless the Court orders otherwise, support for each child terminates at the time and shall automatically adjust: (1) a child becomes 18 years of age or has graduated from high school during the child's normal and expected date of graduate, whichever occurs later; or (2) a child dies, marries, becomes a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is emancipated. The child support is payable one-half of the 5th day of each and every month, and one-half of the 20th day of each month.

11. Taxes. All child-related tax benefits shall be awarded to Kevin.

12. Childcare Expenses. In accordance with U.C.A. § 81-6-209, each parent shall share equally the reasonable work-related childcare expenses for the minor children.

13. Medical Expenses. The parties shall share medical expenses as follows:

- a.** Pursuant to U.C.A. § 81-6-208, if health insurance for the benefit of the minor children is available to either party at a reasonable cost, that party shall be required to maintain said insurance.
- b.** The parties shall be equally responsible for all premiums, deductibles, co-payments, and other reasonable and necessary medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. costs for the minor children.
- c.** A parent who incurs medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. expenses shall provide written verification of the cost and payment of said expenses to the other parent within 30 days of payment.
- d.** A parent incurring medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. expenses may be denied the right to receive credit for the expenses or to recover the other parent's share of the expense if that parent fails to comply with the notice requirement.
- e.** The parent to whom written verification is provided shall reimburse the parent who incurred the medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. expenses the amount of the out-of-pocket costs within 30 days of receipt of the written verification.
- f. **Division of Accounts.**** Pursuant to U.C.A. § 15-4-6.7, the parties should elect that medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. expenses be divided by the service provider into two separate accounts for payment, one for each parent, as long as the service provider receives a copy of the Decree of Divorce at or before the day on which the service provider first

renders medical, dental, orthodontic, vision, therapy, etc. services. A creditor who has been provided a copy of the order may not claim unpaid medical expenses against a parent who has paid in full that share of the expenses required to be paid by that parent under the order, nor may the creditor make a negative credit report under U.C.A. § 70C-7-107, or report of the debtor's repayment practices or credit history under Title 7, Chapter 14, Credit Information Exchange, regarding a parent who has paid in full their share of the medical and dental expenses required to be paid by the parent under the order

14. Alimony. Neither party is in need of financial assistance, and therefore, the Court shall not award alimony.

15. Personal Property. The marital property, including vehicles, life insurance policies, shares of company stock from employment, stock investments, financial accounts, etc., shall be divided equitably. Each party is awarded the personal property currently in their possession, free and clear of any claim by the other party.

16. Real Property. The parties have obtained an interest in the following real property during the marriage: 575 West 800 North, Orem, Utah 84057. The approximate current value of the Marital Residence is \$538,938.00. There is a mortgage on the Marital Residence with an approximate balance of \$140,000.00. The approximate equity in the Marital Residence is \$398,938.00 Kevin shall be awarded the Marital Residence. Kevin shall

refinance the mortgage to remove Laren's name within a reasonable time. Kevin shall pay to Laren her one-half share of the equity in the Marital Residence, subject to offsets including for attorney fees as determined by the Court.

17. Retirement. Any interest either party may have in retirement accounts obtained during the marriage shall be divided equally. The parties shall prepare and execute appropriate Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs) to effectuate this division.

18. Debt Division. Any and all marital debt shall be divided equitably between the parties. Each party shall be responsible for paying all debts in their separate name. Each party shall be responsible for any debt they have incurred in the other party's name without their knowledge. Each party shall be responsible for any debt they have incurred since the parties' separation (June 12, 2024).

19. Document Delivery. Each party shall be ordered to execute and deliver to the other party any documents necessary to implement the provisions of the Decree of Divorce entered by the Court.

20. Maiden Name. If she chooses, Laren may elect to change her last name back to her maiden name, Riedler.

21. Attorney Fees and Costs. Kevin has incurred substantial attorney fees in prosecuting this action, particularly as a result of Laren's failure to participate in the proceedings and her filing of a motion to set aside default

with falsified exhibits. Kevin is the prevailing party on Laren's Motion to Set Aside Default. Kevin shall submit to the Court and to Laren's counsel, within twenty-one (21) days of entry of the Decree of Divorce, an itemized statement of attorney fees, parsing out fees attributable to: (a) establishment of the divorce generally; (b) the Motion to Set Aside Default and related proceedings; (c) discovery disputes; and (d) any other contested motions. Laren shall have fourteen (14) days from receipt of Kevin's itemization to file any objections to specific items. The Court shall thereafter enter a supplemental order determining the amount of attorney fees to be awarded to Kevin and offset against Laren's share of the equity in the Marital Residence.

**THIS ORDER IS SIGNED WHEN DATED AND STAMPED AT THE TOP
OF PAGE ONE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/*Spencer Thomas

SPENCER THOMAS

Attorney for Laren Elizabeth Dowling

**Electronic signature affixed with written permission given on March 2, 2026, over email.*