The Order of the Court is stated below:
Dated: November 16, 2026 05:16:27 PM **/s/** JENNIFER A. MABEY
District Court Judge

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IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WASATCH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF **MERYL VAN DER MERWE-CROPPER,** *Petitioner*, and. **GREGORY LATIMER CROPPER,** *Respondent*.	**DECREE OF DIVORCE** Case No. 264500093 Judge Jennifer A. Mabey Commissioner Marla Snow

This matter came before the Court on a Stipulation for Divorce, dated September 3, 2026. The Court, having reviewed the Petition for Divorce, the Stipulation for Divorce, and any other pleadings on file, and being fully informed, entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Court now enters the following Decree of Divorce:

1. **Residency**. Petitioner and Respondent were both bona fide residents of Wasatch County, State of Utah, for more than three months immediately prior to the filing of this action.

2. **Marriage Information.** Petitioner and Respondent were married May 2007.

3. **Grounds.** The parties have experienced irreconcilable differences in their marriage and there is no chance of reconciliation. The parties shall be allowed to divorce.

4. **Child.** The parties have one (1) minor child born of this marriage, to wit: SC, born in July 2009.

5. Pursuant to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 100(a), there are no proceedings involving custody, criminal, protective orders, or delinquency involving the above-named minor child in juvenile court or any other venue.

6. **Jurisdiction.** Utah has jurisdiction to make child custody and parent-time determinations pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §81-6 *et seq.*, in that Utah is the home state of the minor child at the time of commencement of this proceeding.

7. **Legal Custody.** Each of the parties being fit and proper persons, the parties shall have joint legal custody of the minor child.

a. The parties shall discuss all major decisions concerning the child including her health, education, and general welfare, daycare, medical and dental treatment, and therapy.

b. To accomplish this, the parties shall use the following decision-making procedure: (1) Identify the issue; (2) Discuss possible solutions; (3) Consult with any applicable and available experts; and (4) Choose the most sensible solution that considers the needs and interests of everyone involved.

c. If the parties reach an impasse following this process, they shall attend mediation in an attempt to resolve the issue prior to either party seeking court intervention.

8. **Physical Custody and Parent Time**. SC is over 17 years of age and thus shall decide which party with whom she wishes to spend parent-time and when, and shall freely go back and forth between them. Parent-time is calculated at 50/50.

9. **Holiday Parent Time.** Holiday parent time shall be as the parties agree.

10. **Parenting Plan.** The parties shall adopt the Advisory Guidelines pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §81-9-202 unless otherwise stated herein. In addition, the parties shall adopt the guidelines as follows:

a. Both parties shall have access to the child's school, church, and other records and shall include the other party as the parent on such records. The parties shall notify one another within twenty-four (24) hours of receiving notice of all significant school, social, sports, and community functions in which the child are participating or being honored, and both parties shall be entitled to attend and participate fully;

b. The parties shall use their best efforts to communicate and share information with each other, whenever necessary, to convey information regarding the child's schoolwork, school schedule, medical and dental treatment, counseling, emotional needs, accomplishments, and other information appropriate to share with the other parent;

c. The parties shall notify the other parent of major injury or illness as soon as reasonably possible involving the child;

d. The parties shall provide each other with the names and telephone numbers of teachers and others who work with the minor child at school,

medically, or otherwise so that each party can initiate their own relationship with these professionals;

e. The parties shall share information relating to doctor or dentist appointments, sports, special lessons, new skills, new language development, discipline challenges, etc., regarding their minor child;

f. The parties shall notify the other parent of any change of address, email address, cell phone number, and telephone number within twenty-four (24) hours of the change;

g. The parent who has the child in his or her care may make day-to-day decisions regarding the child without having to consult with the other parent;

h. For emergency purposes, whenever the child travel with either parent overnight or longer, the following shall be provided to the other parent: (1) an itinerary of travel dates; (2) destinations; (3) places where the child or traveling parent can be reached; and (4) the name and telephone number of an available third person who would be knowledgeable of the child's location;

i. Before leaving the United States with the child, the parent taking the minor child will give the other parent at least thirty (30) days' notice and shall provide the complete itinerary required in Paragraph 10(h). The parties shall cooperate in obtaining a passport for the minor child and making that passport available to the traveling parent. When the child is not traveling with Father, Mother shall keep the passport;

j. Both parties shall ensure that the minor child attends school. Neither party shall withhold the child from school for travel or other non-illness reasons without the written permission of the other parent;

k. The parties shall work together in a reasonable manner to accommodate each other and to provide the child consistency and stability;

l. Special consideration shall be given by each parent to make the child available to attend family functions including funerals, weddings, family reunions, religious holidays, important ceremonies, and other significant events in the life of the child or in the life of either parent which may inadvertently conflict with the parent-time schedule;

m. The parties shall not put the child in the middle of disputes between the parents;

n. The minor child shall not be used as a messenger between the parents;

o. The parties shall maintain safe and appropriate sleeping and living accommodations for the child. The child shall have her own bed;

p. Neither parent shall question the minor child about the other parent's activities, personal relationships, or how the other parent spends his/her time or money. Each parent shall be supportive and respectful of the other parent in the presence of the minor child;

q. The party with the minor child in his/her care shall be responsible for ensuring the minor child's homework is complete and transporting the minor child to and from school on time;

r. Communication between the parties shall solely be about the minor child. Communication regarding the minor child shall be directly between the parents and shall not involve third parties.

11. **<u>Mutual Restraining Order</u>.** The parties shall abide by the following mutual restraining orders:

a. Both parties shall be restrained from saying or doing anything that would tend to diminish the child's love and affection for the other parent, including, but not limited to, name calling, speaking derogatorily about the other parent in front of the child or speaking to the child about the issues in this case, or from attempting to influence the child's preferences regarding custody or visitation.

b. Both parties shall be supportive of the other party's role as a parent. Neither parent shall attempt to alienate the child in any way from the other parent. Both parents have an affirmative duty to co-parent the child in a way that promotes the child's best interest.

c. Both parties shall be restrained from discussing divorce issues in front of the child or allowing a third party to do so. The parties shall also be restrained from discussing the child's relationships with the other parent in front of or with the child, or from questioning, interrogating, or otherwise "pumping" the child. Neither party shall request or encourage the child to hold back information from the other party which shall otherwise be divulged to the other party by the other parent.

d. Both parties shall be mutually restrained from harassing, threatening, stalking, digitally stalking, or otherwise bothering the other party. This includes unreasonable contact between parent and child during the other parent's parenting time.

e. Both parties shall be mutually restrained from allowing third parties to do in front of the child what they themselves are prohibited from doing under this section and shall have the affirmative duty to use his or her best efforts to prevent third parties from such violations or shall remove the child from such circumstances.

f. Neither party shall use the other party's likeness, picture, name, identification, or credit of the other party to obtain credit, open an account for any service, or obtain any other service.

12. **Child Support.** Child support shall be based on Utah Child Support Guidelines and the Child Custody Worksheet *attached hereto*. The parties respective incomes are as follows: Father's gross monthly income is $26,700 and Mother's gross monthly income is $3,493. Consistent with guidelines, and a joint custody worksheet, Father shall pay child support to Mother in the monthly amount of $1007 as follows:

a. Child support shall be payable one-half on the 5th day of each month and one-half on the 20th day of each month unless the parties otherwise agree.

b. Child support shall continue until the child turns eighteen (18).

c. Payor's income may be subject to income withholding by the ORS in accordance with the Utah Code.

d. Child support payments shall begin September 2026.

e. Both parties waive any claim they may have for past child support.

13. **School Fees and Extracurricular Expenses**. Mandatory school fees and extracurricular expenses shall be divided as follows:

a. The parties shall be equally responsible for the child's school fees.

b. The parties shall be equally responsible for any extracurricular activities, including travel costs that are mutually agreed between the parties in writing in advance.

c. Each party shall supply whatever letter of consent or other travel documents that may be required for the child to travel out of the country.

14. **Medical, Dental and Other Healthcare Expenses.** In accordance with Utah Code Ann. §81-6-208, insurance for the medical, accident, vision, and dental expenses of the minor child shall be shared equally by the parties.

a. If, at any time, a dependent child is covered by the health, hospital, or dental insurance plans of both parents, the health, hospital, or dental insurance plan of Father shall be considered the primary coverage for the child, and the health, hospital, or dental insurance plan of Mother shall be considered the secondary coverage for the child.

b. Each parent shall share equally all reasonable and necessary uninsured medical, dental, orthodontia, eye care, counseling, prescriptions, deductibles, and copayments incurred for the dependent child and actually paid by the parents.

c. Each parent who has obtained insurance shall provide verification of coverage to the other parent upon initial enrollment of the dependent child, and thereafter on or before January 2 of each calendar year if there is a change in the previous coverage or provider. The parent shall notify the other parent of any change of insurance carrier, premium, or benefits within 30 calendar days of the date he or she first knew or shall have known of the change.

d. Each parent who incurs medical and dental expenses shall provide written verification of the cost and payment of medical and dental expenses to the other parent within 30 days of payment. The other parent shall remit payment within 30 days of receipt of the verification. If neither party is able to secure said insurance at a reasonable cost, each party shall be responsible for the payment of one-half of all reasonable and necessary medical and dental expenses for the minor child as indicated.

e. The parties shall follow Utah Code Ann. §15-4-6.7. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §15-4-6.7, §81-3-105, and §81-4-501, when a court order has been entered providing for the payment of medical and dental expenses of a minor child pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §81-9-302, §81-4-204, or §81-6-208, or an administrative order under §62A-11-326, a creditor who has been provided a copy of the order may not make a claim for unpaid medical and dental expenses against a parent who has paid in full that share of the medical and dental expenses required to be paid by that parent under the order, nor may the creditor make a negative credit report under Utah Code Ann. §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 that share of the medical and dental expenses required to be paid by the parent under the order.

PROPERTY SETTLEMENT

15. The parties' total property and support settlement results in a payout by Greg to Meryl. This payout (but for the QDRO) will occur within ten days of October 2, 2026, as follows:

a. Greg's Fidelity Retirement Account, xxx76339. Greg shall transfer to Meryl by QDRO $250,000, as soon as possible. They shall enlist an attorney to draft the QDRO, splitting the cost of those fees 50/50.

b. IRA - JP Morgan Chase, xxx0097 – goes in its entirety to Meryl;

c. UCCU, xxx9390 - goes in its entirety to Meryl;

d. Etrade account xxxx0210 - goes in its entirety to Meryl;

e. Etrade account – with a balance of approximately $487. 20, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

f. Etrade account – with a balance of approximately $498.75, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

g. Bank Account UCCU Checking, xxx7150, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

h. Zions - Gold Account, xxx4968, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

i. Zions - Money Market, xxx5007, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

j. Bank Account Zions Checking, xxx8212, goes in its entirety to Meryl;

k. Zions – Checking, xxx5082 – Greg shall transfer $$48,617.85 to Meryl;

l. Bank Account: Charles Schwab Checking, xxx0147, goes in its entirety to Meryl.

16. **Real Property.** During the course of the parties' marriage, the parties acquired the following real property: a home located at 257 W Interlaken Drive Midway, UT 84049. The home shall be transferred to Greg from Meryl upon Greg paying the property settlement to Meryl in full.

a. In exchange, Greg shall pay to Meryl $225,000. Greg will need to obtain a second mortgage on the home for those funds and will do so within 90 days of October 2, 2026.

b. Greg has confirmed that Meryl is not liable on the first mortgage and will provide proof within 60 days following the signing of the Amendments to Stipulation.

17. **Alimony.** Given this property settlement, neither party shall be awarded alimony now or in the future.

18. **Vehicles.** During the marriage, the parties acquired certain vehicles, which shall be awarded as follows:

a. Greg shall be awarded the 2021 BMW X5 and shall be solely responsible for all payments, insurance, repairs, and upkeep of these vehicles.

b. Meryl shall be awarded the 2021 Audi SQ5 and shall be solely responsible for all payments, insurance, repairs, and upkeep of this vehicle.

c. By October 5, 2026, each party shall maintain and pay for their own automobile insurance policy. Meryl shall reimburse Greg the amount of $225.78

for maintaining her automobile insurance from September 3, 2026, through October 4, 2026. Each party shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any vehicle(s) awarded to him/her.

19. Meryl's Medical Insurance. Meryl will commence carrying her own medical insurance as of November 1, 2026, and will remain covered under Greg's medical insurance until November 1. Meryl has represented that she knows of no condition requiring medical attention as of the date hereof, and will not file claims under Greg's plan for elective consultations, procedures, etc. Meryl will reimburse Greg the amount of $240.19 for the cost of maintaining her medical insurance from September 3, 2026, through September 30, 2026, plus the amount of $266.88 the cost of maintaining her medical insurance from October 1, 2026, through October 2026.

20. **Debts.** Each party shall keep their own debts in their own name.

21. **Dispute Resolution.** If a dispute arises between the parties, they shall return to mediation prior to filing an action in court. Enforcement actions may be filed directly with the court without mediation.

22. **Cooperation**. Petitioner and Respondent shall cooperate with each other, through counsel or otherwise, to effect changes in titles to property agreed to be divided, to change the names and responsibilities for payment upon the charge accounts and other debts divided, to divide automobile insurance policies, and to cooperate in every other way necessary or proper to ensure that the Decree of Divorce is fully satisfied.

23. **Attorney Fees**. Both parties shall pay their own attorney's fees in this matter.

The Court's Signature is Set Forth at The Top of This Document.

Approved as to Form:

/s/Kenneth A. Okazaki
signed on October 15, 2026, with permission
Kenneth A. Okazaki
Attorney for Respondent