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**IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR SALT LAKE COUNTY,
SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF UTAH**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE
OF:

BRAULIO JOEL MENDEZ JR.,

Petitioner,

and

KEYLA CELESTE ÁLVAREZ,

Respondent.

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Case No. 264900872 DA

Judge Robert Faust

Commissioner Joanna Sagers

The Petitioner, BRAULIO JOEL MENDEZ JR., commenced this action by filing a *Verified Petition for Divorce* (hereinafter Petition) on February 18, 2026, wherein he seeks a decree dissolving the marriage and the marital relationship of the parties entered into by them on or about November 4, 2023.

In this action, the Respondent, KEYLA CELESTE ALVAREZ, filed a *Verified Answer and Counterpetition for Divorce* with the Court on March 12, 2026, wherein the Respondent acknowledges that she has received a copy of the Petition.

Both parties have since executed a *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement*, which was filed with the Court on April 3, 2026, wherein both parties have requested that a *Decree of Divorce* be entered pursuant to the terms of said *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement*.

The Court finds that the parties entered into a written *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* knowingly and voluntarily, with full and fair disclosure of all material assets and debts, or a knowing and voluntary waiver thereof. The Court further finds that the parties had the opportunity to obtain independent legal advice and that the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* was entered into without fraud, duress, or undue influence.

The Court further finds that the terms of the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* are fair, just, reasonable, and equitable under the circumstances, and are not unconscionable.

The *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* is hereby approved, adopted, and incorporated into this *Decree of Divorce* as if fully set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Court, finding the terms of said *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* to be fair, just, and equitable, all supporting documents having been submitted, and the Court being fully apprised of the premises and the law, and having made and entered its *Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law*, does hereby ORDER, ADJUDGE, AND DECREE as follows:

GRANTING OF DECREE DISSOLVING MARRIAGE

1. The parties are hereby granted a *Decree of Divorce* upon the grounds of irreconcilable differences, dissolving the marriage of the parties entered into by them on November 4, 2023, in the city of West Jordan, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the same to become absolute and final upon entry of this *Decree of Divorce* by the Clerk of the Court.

2. **Children.** The Court finds that no children were born or adopted during the marriage, and no children are expected. No orders regarding custody, parent-time, or child support are required.

3. **Alimony.** The Court finds that neither party requires alimony and that each party is capable of self-support.

4. It is hereby ordered that no alimony shall be awarded to either party, now and forever, and the Court shall retain no continuing jurisdiction to award or modify alimony.

5. **Real Property.** The Court finds that the parties acquired no real property during the marriage and that neither party holds any legal or equitable interest in real property, whether jointly or individually.

6. It is hereby ordered that no orders regarding real property are required or entered, and the Court shall retain no continuing jurisdiction with respect to real property.

7. **Personal Property.** The Court finds that the parties have

substantially divided their personal property and that each party is in possession of the personal property awarded to him or her.

8. It is hereby ordered that each party shall retain the personal property currently in his or her possession, free and clear of any claim by the other, unless the parties later agree otherwise in a signed writing.

9. The Court shall retain no continuing jurisdiction over the division of personal property, except for purposes of enforcement.

10. **Motor Vehicles.** The Court finds that during the marriage, the parties acquired an interest in the following motor vehicles: a 2026 Hyundai Kona and a 2026 BMW X3.

11. It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner shall be awarded the 2026 Hyundai Kona, free and clear of any claim by the Respondent.

12. It is hereby ordered that the Respondent shall be awarded the 2026 BMW X3, free and clear of any claim by the Petitioner.

13. It is hereby ordered that the Respondent shall be solely responsible for the loan associated with the 2026 BMW X3 and shall assume, pay, discharge, and hold the Petitioner harmless from any obligation related thereto. For purposes of identification only, the Court finds that the loan balance is approximately \$50,000.00 and the monthly payment is approximately \$538.00.

14. It is hereby ordered that each party shall retain the vehicle awarded

to him or her together with sole responsibility for all obligations associated with that vehicle, including but not limited to loans or liens, insurance, registration and licensing, taxes, maintenance, repairs, and all costs of operation.

15. It is hereby ordered that each party shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any obligation, expense, or liability connected to the vehicle awarded to that party. The Court finds that these indemnification obligations are material terms of this *Decree of Divorce* and are enforceable through contempt and all other appropriate legal remedies.

16. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall execute all documents necessary to effectuate title transfer and loan responsibility consistent with this *Decree of Divorce*. In the event a party fails or refuses to execute such documents, the Court may appoint another person to do so pursuant to Rule 70 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

17. **Bank Accounts / Financial Assets.** The Court finds that during the marriage, the parties acquired various bank accounts and financial assets.

18. It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner shall be awarded all bank accounts and financial assets held solely in his name, free and clear of any claim by the Respondent.

19. It is hereby ordered that the Respondent shall be awarded all bank accounts and financial assets held solely in her name, free and clear of any claim by the Petitioner, including but not limited to the following:

Account Type	Account Number	Balance
Mountain America CU Checking Account	Ending in 4106	\$139.00
Mountain America CU Savings Account	Ending in 4106	\$13,300.00

20. The Court shall retain no continuing jurisdiction over the division of bank accounts and financial assets, except for purposes of enforcement.

21. **Debts and Obligations.** The Court finds that during the marriage, the parties incurred various debts and obligations.

22. It is hereby ordered that the Petitioner shall assume, pay, discharge, and hold the Respondent harmless from the following debts:

Debt:	Amount:
American Express Credit Card	\$33,000.00
America First Credit Union Credit Card	\$25,000.00

23. It is hereby ordered that the Respondent shall assume, pay, discharge, and hold the Petitioner harmless from all debts and obligations held solely in her name.

24. It is hereby ordered that the indemnification and hold-harmless obligations set forth herein are material terms of this *Decree of Divorce*, constitute obligations to a spouse within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(15), and are enforceable through contempt and all other appropriate legal remedies to the fullest extent permitted by law.

25. It is hereby ordered that each party shall assume, pay, discharge, and hold the other harmless from any debts or obligations incurred individually by that party on or after the date of the filing of this action.

26. It is hereby ordered that each party shall further assume, pay, discharge, and hold the other harmless from any debts or obligations incurred individually by that party

on or after the date of the parties' separation on or about September 23, 2025.

27. It is hereby ordered that, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 30-3-5, the parties shall notify each of their creditors following entry of the *Decree of Divorce* of the allocation of responsibility for each debt, including identification of the party primarily liable for the debt and providing the creditor with the name and address of both parties.

28. It is hereby ordered that in the event either party is obligated on a joint secured debt, payment of that debt shall remain current. It is hereby ordered that if a required payment is not made in a timely manner, the secured asset shall be placed for sale as necessary to protect the joint debtors.

29. It is hereby ordered that a party that makes payments on a debt which the other party is ordered to pay shall be entitled to seek reimbursement from the non-complying party, together with interest and reasonable attorney fees incurred as a result of the failure to pay timely.

30. The parties have acknowledged and agreed that the allocation of joint debts is an integral part of the financial settlement and support provisions in this matter. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall not discharge such debts in bankruptcy if doing so would cause the non-bankrupt party to become liable for the debt, acknowledging that this provision may not be binding on the Bankruptcy Court.

31. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall each make their best efforts to remove the other party from any joint debts, obligations, or loans, including by

refinancing such obligations into their sole name where reasonably possible.

32. **Taxes.** It is hereby ordered that the parties shall file separate federal and state income tax returns for the 2025 tax year, as well as for any prior partial year of separation that has not yet been filed.

33. It is hereby ordered that any tax refund to which a party is entitled shall be awarded to that party as his or her sole and separate property, free and clear of any claim by the other party.

34. It is hereby ordered that each party shall be solely responsible for his or her own tax liabilities and tax filings and shall indemnify and hold the other harmless from any tax liabilities, penalties, interest, or obligations incurred by that party individually.

35. **Pension and Retirement Accounts.** The Court finds that no division of pension or retirement accounts is required or sought in this matter.

36. It is hereby ordered that each party shall retain any retirement plan or account held in his or her own name as that party's sole and separate property, free and clear of any claim by the other, without equalization or offset.

37. It is hereby ordered that the Respondent's HCA Healthcare 401(k), with an approximate present value of \$2,603.88, is hereby confirmed as the Respondent's sole and separate property. No qualified domestic relations order (QDRO) is required.

38. **Rule 70 / Document Execution.** It is hereby ordered that the parties shall execute all documents necessary to implement the terms of the *Decree of Divorce* and

Stipulation and Settlement Agreement within sixty (60) days of entry of the Decree.

39. It is hereby ordered that if a party fails or refuses to execute any such documents, the court may appoint another person to execute the documents on behalf of the non-complying party pursuant to Rule 70 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, with the same force and effect as if personally executed.

40. **Mediation and Enforcement.** It is hereby ordered that if a dispute arises regarding the interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the *Decree of Divorce* or *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement*, the parties shall first attempt to resolve the dispute through good-faith mediation unless emergency relief is required.

41. It is hereby ordered that a party who prevails in an enforcement action following a good-faith attempt at mediation may be awarded reasonable attorney fees and costs, in the court's discretion.

42. **Attorney Fees and Costs.** It is hereby ordered that each party shall bear his or her own attorney fees and costs incurred in connection with this matter, unless otherwise ordered by the court in a subsequent enforcement proceeding.

*****END OF ORDER*****

PURSUANT TO RULE 10, UTAH RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, AND RULE 4-503, UTAH RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, THE DATE, SEAL, AND SIGNATURE OF THE COURT APPEARS AT TOP OF PAGE ONE OF THIS DOCUMENT.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO RULE 7 (j)(4) OF THE UTAH RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE TO THE PETITIONER:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Rule 7(j)(4) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure of the District Courts of the State of Utah, that the *Decree of Divorce* prepared by the Respondent shall be the Order of the Court unless you file an objection in writing within seven (7) days from the date of service of this notice.

DATED this 9th day of April 2026.

/s/ Mitchell S. Wall
MITCHELL S. WALL
Attorney for Respondent

APPROVED AS TO FORM this 9th day of April 2026.

/s/ Braulio Joel Mendez Jr. *signed with email permission*
BRAULIO JOEL MENDEZ JR.
Petitioner, pro se

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Decree of Divorce* was [X] Emailed and [X] Electronically Filed, on the 9th day of April 2026, to the following:

Braulio Joel Mendez Jr.
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/s/ Frances I. Helsten
Paralegal