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IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
OF SALT LAKE COUNTY, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Marriage of CHRISTOPHER SHAWN IPSON, Petitioner, and JENNIFER LYNN IPSON, Respondent.	DECREE OF DIVORCE Civil No. 224903438 Judge Thaddeus May Commissioner Joanna Sagers
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COMES NOW the Court, having reviewed the file, including the *Verified Answer and Counter-Petition for Decree of Divorce*, and *Default Certificate*, and all documents and exhibits filed in the action, being aware of all the facts and fully advised in the premises, and for good cause appearing, now enters the following *Decree of Divorce* as follows: IT IS
HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The parties are awarded a Decree of Divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences, said Decree to become final upon its being signed by the Court and entered by the clerk of the Court.

Children

2. There are two minor children born of the marriage,

- a. F.E.D.I. Born 11/1/2010
- b. C.S.I. Jr. Born 6/17/2012
- 3. No other children are expected.
- 4. Utah is the home state of the minor children pursuant to Utah Code Ann.

§ 81-11-201, *et seq.*

Custody

5. **Legal Custody:** Petitioner and Respondent are awarded joint legal custody of the minor. All major life decisions regarding schooling, church, or other applicable decisions regarding the minor children shall be discussed and any disagreements shall be mediated prior to bringing any matter to the court for a decision. Any day to day decisions shall be made by the person who has the children in their care.

6. **Physical Custody:** Respondent is awarded sole physical custody of the minor children with Petitioner receiving at least the minimum parent-time under Utah Code Ann. §81-9-302, or parent-time as the parties may agree in writing. As the children have reached an age where they can make many decisions for themselves, if the minor children do not wish to have parent-time visitation with Petitioner, they will not be required to go.

Parenting Plan

7. **Parent-time:** The parties shall exercise parent-time as follows: Respondent shall exercise parent time each week on Monday through Friday. Petitioner shall exercise weekend parent time alternating weekends with Respondent. Petitioner shall exercise parent time on his alternating weekends beginning Friday after school through Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Petitioner shall

exercise parent one midday each week that he designates (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/ or Thursday) in accordance with §81-9-302. Should this parent-time schedule become untenable for either party, the parent-time shall be as the parties agree and are in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 81-9-302. Petitioner is allowed liberal but reasonable daily phone and/or Skype contact with the minor children once the children are of an appropriate age if they desire to have contact.

8. **Summer Parent-time:** The parties shall continue their week day parent time as set forth above and alternate their respective weekend parent time every other weekend with Respondent picking up the children for his weekend parent time beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons. The parties may, but are not required to, exercise extended summer parent time. Should the parties agree to exercise extended summer parent time, the parties shall notify each other of their summer-scheduled parent-time by May 1st of each year, so that both the parties and the minor children can plan ahead and know where and who they will be with all summer. This will be done by creating a calendar, either a hand written calendar or a shared Google Calendar.

Holiday Parent-time: The parties shall exercise holiday time in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 81-9-302, alternating holidays, with Respondent as the custodial parent.

9. **Decision Making:** Each parent shall make the day-to-day decisions concerning the minor children while they are in the care of such parent.

9. **Medical and Educational Access:** Each party shall have the right to treat the children for emergency medical needs.

10. Each party shall have absolute and complete access to all educational and medical records of the children.

11. Each party shall be listed as a parent for the purposes of school contact or medical care provider contact. Each party shall reasonably provide the other with contact information regarding schools or other educational programs, teachers, leaders of religious training, coaches or leaders of extra-curricular activities and other contact information that allows the other parent to participate in the children's lives.

12. Both parents shall provide notice to the other parent of issues relating to any illness, accident or other circumstance that affects the children's health and welfare, as soon as reasonably possible.

13. Both parties shall have open access to contact the necessary persons or entities so that the party will be notified of significant activities of the children, whether related to education, sports, arts, extra-curricular activities, church or other activities or events in which the children participate, so that both parents may attend or participate, if otherwise not prohibited by court orders or the binding agreement of the parties.

14. **Telephone, Mail, & Email Contact:** Both parties are entitled to daily, reasonable, uninterrupted, and unmonitored / uncensored telephone / videophone / Skype contact with the minor children at reasonable hours and for reasonable duration(s) (which shall be based upon the children's abilities, interests, schedules, and willingness to participate) while the other party is exercising parent-time with the

children. Similarly, each party shall enjoy unmonitored/uncensored mail and e-mail contact with the children.

15. **Transportation:** The parties shall equally share the transportation costs of parent-time for the minor children. The parties shall each be responsible for transportation costs associated with receiving the minor children for their own parent-time.

16. **Relocation:** If either parent moves to a location that is more than one hundred and fifty (150) miles from the other parent, or out of Utah, the parties shall follow all the provisions required by Utah Code Ann. § 81-9-209.

17. The moving parent's parent-time is as set forth under Utah Code Ann. § 81-9-2097 until addressed by the Court.

18. Upon the relocation of a parent, the parties shall mediate and attempt to establish a new parent-time schedule.

19. Either party has the right to petition the Court to modify custody and parent-time on the relocation of either parent.

20. **Travel:** Whenever either parent travels with a child in excess of 50 miles, especially for all travel across state lines or out of the country, all of the following will be provided to the other parent:

- a. An itinerary of travel dates;
- b. Destinations;
- c. Places where the child or traveling parent can be reached; and

d. The name and phone number of an available third person who would be knowledgeable of the child's location.

21. **Extracurricular Activities:** The parties shall each be responsible for one-half of the cost of the minor children's non-school as well as school related extracurricular activities so long as both parties agree to the activity in writing. If the parties do not agree, either parent may sign the child up for the activity, but that parent shall be solely responsible for the cost and must ensure that the activity does not infringe on the other party's parent-time. The other party is not obligated to ensure the child participates in the activity, but is entitled to attend if they so desire.

22. **School and Educational Costs:** When a child reaches school age, all school-related costs, including school related extracurricular activities, shall be split equally between the parties until the minor child is either eighteen or has graduated from high school, whichever occurs later.

23. **Mutual Restraining Orders:** Both parties are prohibited from doing or saying anything to the detriment, harm, or injury of the other party. This includes, but is not limited to, speaking derogatorily about the other parent in the presence of the children; speaking to the children about the issues in this case; attempting to influence the children's preferences regarding custody or visitation; or attempting to diminish the love and affection of the children for the other parent.

24. Both parties are restrained from allowing the minor children to be put in situations where any illegal activities or substances, including alcohol consumption to an excess, are present or any such discussions, activities or entertainment regarding the same. Activities and

conversations around the minor children shall be age appropriate to the ages of the minor children.

25. Both parties shall also be mutually restrained from harassing, annoying, or otherwise bothering the other party, or from committing any domestic violence or abuse against the other party.

26. Both parties are mutually restrained from inducing or allowing a third party to do what they themselves are prohibited from doing under this paragraph and shall have the affirmative duty to use his or her best efforts to prevent third parties from committing such violations, or shall remove the children from such circumstances.

Child Support and Expenses

27. **Child Support:** Child support is awarded pursuant to the Utah Child Support Act Utah Code Ann. § 81-6-203, *et seq.*, taking into account both Parties' gross monthly incomes or imputed income and based upon their hourly rate for a forty (40) hour work week.

28. Petitioner is receiving SSDI in the amount of \$687.00 monthly. His income for child support purposes is \$0.00 per month. Respondent is not employed currently, she is imputed an income of \$1,257.00 per month.. The awarded amount of child support is calculated using the Uniform Child Support Guidelines and Worksheet. Petitioner is ordered to pay the monthly child support by the 5th of each month.

29. Child support is set at **\$30.00** based on the Uniform Child Support Guidelines and paid per month from Petitioner to Respondent based upon a completed Child Support Worksheet following verification of both party's incomes.

30. Child support for the children shall continue until the month of the child becomes 18 years of age, or until the month of that child's normal and expected date of graduation from high school, whichever occurs later, or the child otherwise meet the provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 81-6-213.

31. **Medical and Insurance Costs:** Currently Petitioner provides the health insurance coverage for the minor children. The parties are equally responsible for providing health insurance for the benefit of the minor children. It is ordered that the party able to access the most affordably priced health insurance for the minor children shall provide the health insurance and that each party shall pay one-half of the out-of-pocket cost of the medical and dental insurance premium actually paid by a parent for the children's portion of the medical and dental insurance as provided in Utah Code Ann. § 81-6-208.

32. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 81-6-208(9), at any time when the parties are sharing the cost of the health insurance premium, the children's portion of the premium is a per capita share calculated by dividing the premium amount by the number of persons covered under the policy and multiplying the result by the number of children in coverage.

33. Both parents shall share equally in all uninsured routine medical and dental expenses [including but not limited to one-half of expenses for surgery, orthodontic care, psychological or psychiatric care, hospitalization, physical therapy, ophthalmology and optometry, broken limbs, and continuing illnesses or allergies such as diabetes or asthma] as well as other reasonable and necessary uninsured medical and dental expenses of the minor children, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated § 81-6-208(3)(d) and (e).

34. The party incurring a healthcare expense on behalf of the parties' minor children shall provide written verification of the cost and payment to the other party within thirty (30) days of the payment.

35. The other party shall have thirty (30) days from receiving written verification to reimburse the party who incurred the expense.

36. A parent incurring medical expenses shall be denied the right to receive credit for the expenses or to recover the other parent's share of the expenses if that parent fails to provide the above verification within the thirty-day time period.

37. Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §§ 15-4-6.7, 81-4-204(1)(d), and 81-6-104(1)(c), when a court order has been entered providing for payment of medical expenses of a minor child pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §§ 81-6-104, 81-4-204, or 81-6-208 or an administrative order under Utah Code Ann. § 62A-22-326, a creditor who has been provided with a copy of the order may not make a claim for unpaid medical expenses against a parent who has paid in full that share of medical and dental expenses required to be paid by the parent under the order.

38. Therefore, each party shall:

- a. Send a copy of the court order referenced above to the creditor of the particular medical expense of the minor child;
- b. Notify the particular creditor of that party's current address;
- c. Inform the particular creditor that it may not make a claim for unpaid medical expenses against that party if that party has paid in full that share of medical and dental expenses

required to be paid by that parent under the order and also inform the particular creditor that it may not make a negative credit report under Utah Code Ann. § 70C-7-107 or a 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 that parent under the order.

39. The Petitioner and Respondent shall cooperate in exchanging all claim forms and statements in order to coordinate the payment of all medical and dental expenses.

40. The parent who maintains health insurance shall provide verification of coverage to the other parent, upon initial enrollment of the children, and thereafter on or before January 30th of each calendar year.

41. The parent who maintains insurance shall provide written notice to the other parent of any change of insurance carrier, premium, or benefits within thirty (30) days of any change.

42. **Child Care:** The parties are ordered to pay one-half of any and all reasonable and necessary work-related child care expenses incurred for the minor children.

43. The party incurring a child care expense shall provide the other party with written verification of payment within thirty (30) days of said payment.

44. The other party shall have thirty (30) days from receiving verification to reimburse the party who incurred the expense.

45. If written verification of the payment and identity of the provider are not provided within 30 calendar days, the party incurring childcare expenses shall be denied the right to

receive credit for the expenses or to recover the other party's share of the expenses.

Taxes

46. The Respondent shall claim the minor children every year for tax purposes. If Petitioner obtains full time employment for at least six months during any calendar year, the parties will equally split the children on their taxes. Petitioner shall claim the male minor child, Respondent shall claim the female minor child if splitting the tax credit for the minor children were to occur.

47. The parties shall work together to minimize their tax liability and maximize their tax benefits. The parties shall disclose to each other by February 15th of each year what benefit they would receive by claiming the minor children. The parent who will receive the greatest benefit from claiming the children will have the option to purchase the tax exemption(s) from the other parent by paying to the other parent the amount they would have received for claiming the children. This provision shall only apply if child support is current for the tax year in question.

48. Neither party shall claim the children as an exemption if that party will not receive any financial benefit by doing so.

49. A party may only claim the minor children for tax purposes if that party is current on their child support obligation by December 31st of the tax year in question.

Assets and Debts

50. **Real Property:** The parties did not acquire any real property during the marriage.

51. **Personal Property:** Each party shall receive and keep as his or her own separate

property all personal property brought into the marriage, or separate property received during the marriage by gift, inheritance, or devise.

52. During the course of the marriage, the parties acquired personal marital property, which shall be amicably and equitably divided between the parties by mutual agreement and each party shall assume all responsibility, liability and/or debt on the property in their divided unto them or in their possession and hold the other party harmless therefrom.

53. The parties shall make available to each other for copying (the expense of which shall be borne by the person the copies are made for) all family pictures, videos, and other family memorabilia in his/her respective possession, the original copies of which shall be promptly returned to the party presently in possession thereof.

54. **Debts and Obligations:** The parties are ordered to assume and pay, and hold each other harmless from liability on, all debts and obligations incurred individually and in their own names by the parties after their date of separation, on or about December 24, 2021. Thereafter, it is reasonable and proper that all debts and obligations contracted by the parties shall be the responsibility of the party who incurred the particular debt.

55. **Marital Debt:** All marital debts are divided using the party's name who is currently on the debt with the exception of any car loan as listed above. If both parties' names are on a debt, that debt will be equally divided between the parties or remain with the party holding the property for which the debt was incurred as referenced above.

56. **Credit Cards:** Any jointly-titled credit card or other credit accounts shall be closed and re-opened in either Respondent's or Petitioner's respective individual name.

57. Each party is responsible for any debt individually incurred after the date of the parties' separation date.

58. If there exist any other marital debts that are not known at this time, those debts shall be paid by the party who incurred such debt or split equally if incurred jointly.

59. Each party is ordered to notify all joint creditors, by service upon each creditor of a copy of the Decree of Divorce hereinafter entered, they are divorced, expressly advising such creditors, in writing, of their separate, current address and of the Court's division of debt, obligations or liabilities regarding those joint debts the Petitioner and Respondent is ordered to assume respectively, pay upon and hold the other party harmless therefrom. By notice to such creditors, shall thereafter be required in accordance with U.C.A. §15-4-6.5 to provide to the parties individually all statements, notices, and other similar correspondence required by law or under their respective contracts with the parties.

60. Should either party fail to pay the debts as herein specified and/or notify their respective creditors or obliges as herein provided, the Court may hold the defaulting party in contempt and/or reopen the property division to compensate the party not otherwise in default, and the court shall find remedy of the default as the Court deems fair and equitable

61. **Asset Accounts:** The parties' asset accounts and assets (i.e. bank accounts, investments, etc.) shall be divided equally as of the date of separation. Any joint accounts shall be divided equally between the parties, with all joint accounts being closed and the funds divided equally between the parties as of the date of separation.

62. **Retirement:** The parties may have acquired certain retirement accounts during

the course of the marriage. The retirement accounts shall be divided equally pursuant to the formula set out in *Woodward v. Woodward*, 656 P.2d 431, 433-434 (Utah 1982).

Miscellaneous

63. **Cooperation:** The Petitioner and Respondent shall cooperate with each other, through counsel or otherwise, to effect change in titles to property to be divided herein, to change the names and responsibilities for payment upon the charge accounts and other debts divided herein, and to cooperate in each and every other way necessary or proper to insure that the Decree of Divorce is carried out in every detail.

64. **Prior Name:** Respondent is allowed to maintain her marital last name or return to her maiden name if she chooses.

65. **Attorney's Fees:** Each party is responsible for their own attorney fees so long as this action is uncontested.

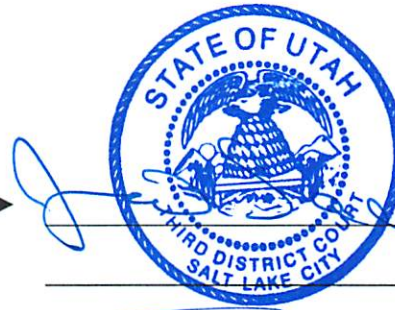
66. **Alimony:** Both parties are educated and/or trained in the career of their choosing and gainfully employed and able to provide for their individual support and as such, no alimony is needed and none is awarded past, present or future.

67. **Documents:** Each party is ordered to sign all necessary documents, deeds, or conveyances as are needed to transfer property, vehicles or other assets as divided by the Decree of Divorce. Each party shall execute and deliver to the other such documents as are required to implement the provisions of the Decree of Divorce and Custody entered by the Court.

Commissioner's or judge's signature may instead appear at the top of the first page of this document.

5/19/26
Date Commissioner

Signature ►



5/19/26
Date Judge

Signature ►



Approved as to form.

May 18, 2026

Signature ►

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Date Petitioner, Attorney or Licensed Paralegal
Practitioner

Christopher Shawn Ipson

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Signature ►

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Date Respondent, Attorney or Licensed Paralegal
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*Electronically signed with express
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of May 2026, I served a copy of the foregoing document via hand deliver upon the following:

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