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

<i>In the Matter of the Marriage of</i> BARBARA ABIGAIL BECTON, <i>Petitioner,</i> and BILLY ALAN BECTON, <i>Respondent.</i>	BIFURCATED DECREE OF DIVORCE Civil No. 254900864 Judge Laura Scott Commissioner Russell Minas
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This matter came before the Court upon Petitioner's Motion for Bifurcation and to Enter Bifurcated Decree of Divorce, supported by the parties' fully executed Partial Stipulation and Property Settlement Agreement dated April 24, 2026 (the "Stipulation"). The Court, having entered its Bifurcated Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, having reviewed the Stipulation, and being fully advised in the premises, hereby enters this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED as follows:

BIFURCATION

1. Pursuant to Rule 42(b) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, this divorce action is bifurcated. This Bifurcated Decree of Divorce resolves all issues between the parties except the reserved issue of the parties' unfiled federal and state income taxes for tax years 2016 through 2021, which is reserved for trial or further resolution as set forth in Paragraph 14 below.

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

2. The bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between Petitioner Barbara Abigail Becton and Respondent Billy Alan Becton are hereby dissolved on the grounds of irreconcilable differences pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 30-3-1(3)(h), and the parties are restored to the status of single, unmarried persons effective upon entry of this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce.

INCORPORATION OF STIPULATION

3. The Partial Stipulation and Property Settlement Agreement dated April 24, 2026, is approved and adopted by the Court and is incorporated by reference into this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce as if fully set forth herein, and shall have the full force and effect of an order of this Court.

CHILDREN

4. The parties confirm they have no minor children together. Accordingly, no provisions regarding child custody, parent-time, or child support are required.

REAL PROPERTY

5. The parties confirm that they have no marital real property requiring division by court order. Each party shall retain any separate real property in their own name free and clear of any claim by the other party.

VEHICLES

6. The parties' vehicles are divided as follows:
 - a. Petitioner shall be awarded sole ownership of the **2012 Toyota Highlander** (acquired February 29, 2016; current value: \$10,668.00), free and clear of any claim by Respondent. Respondent shall execute any and all title transfer documents necessary to effectuate this transfer within sixty (60) days of entry of the Decree of Divorce.
 - b. Respondent shall be awarded sole ownership of the **1999 Ford F-150** (acquired February 15, 2008; current value: \$3,871.00), free and clear of any claim by Petitioner. Petitioner shall execute any and all title transfer documents necessary to effectuate this transfer within sixty (60) days of entry of this Decree of Divorce.
7. Each party shall be solely responsible for any outstanding liens, liabilities, or obligations associated with the vehicle awarded to them, and shall hold the other party harmless therefrom.

BANK AND CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS

8. The parties' bank and credit union accounts are divided as follows:

a. **U.S. Bank Checking Account (Account No. ending in 9000, balance: \$375.00):**

Respondent shall be awarded the entire balance of \$375.00 from this account.

Petitioner shall cooperate in effectuating the transfer of these funds.

b. **America First Credit Union Checking Account (Account No. ending in 1404,**

balance: \$1,259.00): Petitioner shall be awarded the entire balance of \$1,259.00 from this account, free and clear of any claim by Respondent.

c. **America First Credit Union Savings Account (Account No. ending in 1404,**

balance: \$800.00): Petitioner shall be awarded the entire balance of \$800.00 from this account, free and clear of any claim by Respondent.

Each party shall be solely responsible for any charges, fees, or liabilities associated with the account(s) awarded to them.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

9. Personal property not specifically addressed herein has already been divided between the parties, and each party shall retain such property as currently in their possession.

a. Petitioner shall be awarded the following personal property, free and clear of any claim by Respondent:

- i. Furniture;
- ii. Freezer; and
- iii. Kitchen gadgets.

b. Respondent shall be awarded the following personal property, free and clear of any claim by Petitioner:

- i. Smokers;
- ii. Entertainment Center;
- iii. Recliner;
- iv. Electronic equipment;
- v. Hand Truck; and
- vi. Miscellaneous clothing and other personal items.

RESPONDENT'S STORED PERSONAL PROPERTY

10. The parties acknowledge that some of Respondent's personal property items are presently stored in Petitioner's garage at 860 E. Galena Drive, Sandy, Utah 84094. The following terms shall govern the retrieval and storage of Respondent's property:

- a. Respondent shall arrange for all necessary transportation (trailer or moving truck) to retrieve his personal property items from Petitioner's garage within sixty (60) day of the signing of the Stipulation. Petitioner shall ensure that all of Respondent's items are in Petitioner's garage and available for the movers from that location. Respondent shall communicate and coordinate with Petitioner and the moving company to arrange for a date when Petitioner can be present and the moving company is available to move Respondent's items out of Petitioner's garage. The parties shall cooperate in good faith to arrange for a mutually agreeable date. The parties shall communicate regarding these logistics over email, and each party shall respond within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving an email from the other party.

- i. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with the storage unit where his items are stored, if he moves them to a storage unit, and the costs of the movers to move Respondent's items.
- ii. In the event Respondent does not retrieve his personal property within sixty (60) days, the property will then be considered abandoned by Respondent, and Petitioner will be free to dispose of the property as she deems fit and Respondent agrees he releases all claim and right to the property and to retrieve the property.

DEBTS AND LIABILITIES

11. The parties are not aware of any outstanding marital debts arising from the marriage that require court-ordered division, other than the tax issue reserved in Paragraph 15 below. If any marital debt is discovered after entry of the Decree of Divorce, each such debt shall be the sole responsibility of the party who incurred it, and that party shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless therefrom.

ALIMONY

1. Neither party shall pay alimony to the other. Each party waives any right to alimony or spousal support from the other party, both now and in the future.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

2. No court order is necessary with respect to any retirement accounts. Each party shall retain any retirement accounts currently held in their own name, and neither party shall make any claim against the retirement accounts of the other.

COSTS AND ATTORNEY FEES

3. The parties shall pay their own attorney fees and court costs through the date of the Stipulation (April 24, 2026).

RESERVED TAX ISSUE

4. The issue of the parties' unfiled federal and state income taxes for tax years 2016 through 2021, and the refunds and/or liabilities therefore, is reserved for trial or further resolution of the parties. This Court retains jurisdiction over the reserved tax issue notwithstanding entry of this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce subject to the conditions set forth in the Court's Minute Entry dated May 28, 2026.

RESTORATION OF PETITIONER'S FORMER NAME

5. At her option, Petitioner's former/maiden name of **BARBARA ABIGAIL MARTENS** is hereby restored.

DUTY TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

6. Each party shall sign any and all documents necessary to comply with the Stipulation and this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce within thirty (30) days of entry of this Decree. If a party fails to sign any required document within such period, the other party may apply to the Court to have a person appointed to sign the document on that party's behalf pursuant to Rule 70 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

7. This Bifurcated Decree of Divorce, together with the incorporated Stipulation, constitutes the entire decree of this Court on the issues herein, and supersedes all prior negotiations,

representations, and agreements, whether oral or written, except as to the reserved tax issue.

8. This Bifurcated Decree of Divorce shall be governed by the laws of the State of Utah.
9. No party shall be deemed to be the drafter of this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce or the Stipulation for purposes of construction or interpretation.
10. This Court retains continuing jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action to enforce and/or modify the provisions of this Bifurcated Decree of Divorce and to adjudicate the reserved tax issue.

END OF BIFURCATED DECREE OF DIVORCE

****EXECUTED AND ENTERED BY THE COURT AS INDICATED BY THE DATE AND SEAL AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE****

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 19th day of May, 2026, I electronically filed a true and correct copy of the foregoing **BIFURCATED DECREE OF DIVORCE** with the clerk of the Court using the ECF System. A copy of the same will be emailed to Respondent.

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Respondent

/s/**Douglas L. Stowell**

