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

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In the matter of the marriage of
BERT R. McNEEL
and
ADALENA S. McNEEL

DECREE OF DIVORCE
Case No. 23-4905942 DA
Judge Laura S. Scott
Commissioner Michelle R. Blomquist

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This matter came before the Court for the conclusion of trial on May 18 and May 19, 2026, primarily to address custody of the parties’ child, C.A.M. born in August 2014.¹ Petitioner (“Bert”) was present and represented by James H. Woodall. Respondent (“Adalena”) appeared pro se. Allison R. Librett appeared as the private Guardian ad Litem.

The Court, having entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, enters the following Decree of Divorce:

1. Petitioner (“Bert”) is hereby granted a decree of Divorce from respondent (“Adalena”) on grounds of irreconcilable differences.

¹ The Court conducted a trial to address alimony, the sale of the marital home, and the division of financial accounts and personal property on January 27 and February 19, 2026. The Court's Ruling and Order on those issues was entered on April 6, 2026 as Entry No. 438.

2. The parties are awarded joint physical custody of their daughter, C.A.M., born in August 2014.

3. Based on issues and concerns that are set forth in the Court's findings, the child shall reside exclusively with Bert beginning July 12, 2026 for a period of six weeks, during which time Adalena shall have no contact with the child. This means there shall be no phone calls, text messages, drive-bys, gifts, notes, contact on social media, or contact through third parties.

4. The goal is reunification between Bert and the child. The Court's intent is for the parties to transition to an sharing of physical custody on a two-week on, two-week off schedule corresponding to Bert's work schedule, but this will be driven by the success of this reunification period. To that end, the Court has set review hearings on August 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. and on August 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., both via Webex, to monitor the progress of reunification and to discuss next steps. Other issues, including where the child will go to school, will be addressed then.

5. The Court awards the parties joint legal custody of the child, with the assistance of a Special Master. Until it can be determined whether the reunification is successful, whether Bert is able to manage it with his work schedule, and whether Adalena is able to sustain progress when the child is with her, the Court believes it to be in the child's best interest to have the assistance of a neutral third party to make final decisions.

6. The Court may modify the award of joint legal and/or physical custody of the child depending on the results of the reunification process, Bert's ability to accommodate the child's needs going forward, the results of the criminal trial, Adalena's ability to address the

enmeshment and other issues, and any other factor the Court deems relevant after the reunification period concludes.

7. To mitigate the potential adverse effects that the division of the horses and personal property would have on the child, the Court is going to modify its prior order: Bert is awarded Lena, the 2017 Ram 1500 pickup truck (VIN 2531), the Logan two-horse trailer, and any interest in remaining horses. Adalena is awarded Dragon, the 2021 Ram 3500 pickup truck (VIN 0703), and the Bloomer horse trailer, subject to the debt owing to Mountain America Credit Union.

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