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

JOHN LOPEZ,

Petitioner,

vs.

SAMANTHA LOPEZ,

Respondent.

DECREE OF DIVORCE

Case No. 214906658

Judge James Gardner

Commissioner Kim M. Luhn

The Court held a bench trial in this matter on April 20, 2026, in the Third Judicial District Court for Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the Honorable Judge James Gardner presiding. Petitioner John Lopez (“Petitioner”) appeared in person and was represented by Court J. Klekas II. Respondent Samantha Lopez (“Respondent”) did not appear.

The Court, having entered its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and good cause appearing, hereby ORDERS, ADJUDGES, AND DECREES as follows:

I. Jurisdiction and Venue

1. Petitioner is a bona fide resident of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, and has been for more than three months immediately prior to the filing of the action.
2. Respondent was a bona fide resident of Salt Lake County, State of Utah, for more than

three months immediately prior to the filing of the action.

3. The parties were married on July 22, 2009 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

4. Irreconcilable differences have arisen between the parties, and the marital relationship is irretrievably broken.

5. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter pursuant to Utah Code § 78A-5-102.

6. Venue is proper pursuant to Utah Code § 78B-3-307.

7. The parties are divorced, and the bonds of matrimony previously existing between Petitioner, John Lopez, and Respondent, Samantha Lopez, are dissolved. The parties are restored to the status of unmarried persons.

II. Minor Children

8. The parties are the parents of D.A.L., born May 23, 2007, and M.V.L., born March 9, 2019.

9. D.A.L. has reached the age of majority.

10. M.V.L. remains a minor child.

III. Legal and Physical Custody

11. Petitioner shall have sole legal custody of M.V.L.

12. Petitioner shall have sole physical custody of M.V.L.

13. Petitioner shall have final decision-making authority regarding M.V.L.

14. Notwithstanding Petitioner's final decision-making authority, Petitioner shall communicate with and consider input from Respondent regarding important matters involving M.V.L.

15. Petitioner shall inform Respondent of important events and decisions involving M.V.L. when reasonably possible.

16. Petitioner shall invite Respondent's input on important decisions involving M.V.L. when reasonably possible. Petitioner shall retain final decision-making authority.

IV. Parent Time

17. Respondent's parent-time with the minor child shall be supervised.

18. Respondent's parent-time shall remain supervised.

19. Respondent shall have supervised parent-time on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

20. Respondent shall have supervised parent-time every other Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

21. Respondent's parent-time shall remain supervised unless and until Respondent complies with the step-up requirements ordered herein.

22. To progress toward unsupervised parent-time and minimum parent-time, Respondent shall provide a treatment plan.

23. Respondent shall also provide three clean monthly drug tests before unsupervised or expanded parent-time is appropriate.

24. Respondent shall also consistently exercise supervised parent-time before additional parent-time is appropriate.

25. If Respondent provides a treatment plan, provides the required clean drug tests, demonstrates sobriety for the required period, and consistently exercises supervised parent-time, Respondent may seek to step up to minimum parent-time.

26. If Petitioner is comfortable after Respondent satisfies those requirements, the parties may agree that Respondent may exercise minimum parent-time.
27. If Petitioner is not comfortable, or if the parties dispute whether Respondent has satisfied the step-up requirements, Respondent may bring the issue back before the Court.
28. Respondent may seek relief by motion if she complies with the Court's step-up requirements and seeks to modify the supervision requirement or exercise minimum parent-time.
29. Petitioner shall use reasonable efforts to confer with Respondent regarding an appropriate supervisor.
30. The parties shall attempt, to the extent reasonably possible, to agree on an unpaid supervisor.
31. Any unpaid supervisor shall be a stable and appropriate person able to safely supervise Respondent's parent-time.
32. If the parties are unable to agree upon an unpaid supervisor, Respondent may arrange supervised parent-time through an appropriate paid agency.
33. If Respondent arranges supervised parent-time through an appropriate paid agency, Petitioner shall comply with the supervised parent-time schedule.
34. Paid supervision may be provided by an appropriate paid agency or another professional supervised parent-time provider agreed upon by the parties or approved by the Court.
35. If Respondent proposes an unpaid supervisor and Petitioner does not agree, Petitioner shall act reasonably in considering the proposed supervisor.
36. Petitioner may reject a proposed unpaid supervisor if Petitioner reasonably believes the proposed supervisor or the proposed circumstances would not adequately protect M.V.L.

37. Petitioner may, in his discretion, allow Respondent to exercise limited unsupervised parent-time for short periods of time if Petitioner believes it is safe and appropriate.
38. Petitioner shall not be required to allow unsupervised parent-time.
39. If Respondent appears impaired, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, unsafe, or unable to appropriately care for M.V.L., Petitioner shall not be required to release M.V.L. to Respondent without supervision.
40. Petitioner shall not use the supervision requirement to unreasonably exclude Respondent from M.V.L.'s life.
41. Petitioner shall act reasonably in facilitating Respondent's safe and appropriate parent-time.

VI. Child Support

42. Respondent shall pay child support to Petitioner for the benefit of the minor child.
43. Petitioner's gross monthly income for child support purposes is \$4,086.00.
44. Respondent's gross monthly income for child support purposes is \$2,773.00.
45. Respondent's ongoing child support obligation for one minor child shall be \$340.00 per month.
46. Respondent's ongoing child support obligation shall commence on April 20, 2026.
47. The parties shall comply with the Utah Child Support Guidelines.
48. If Petitioner later obtains evidence that Respondent's income is higher than the income used by the Court, Petitioner may bring the issue back before the Court by motion.

VII. Child Support Arrearages

49. Respondent owes child support arrearages to Petitioner.

50. Respondent's child support obligation for the period when both children were minors is \$562.00 per month.

51. Respondent's child support obligation for the period when only M.V.L. remained a minor child is \$340.00 per month.

52. Respondent's arrearages are calculated based on two children for eleven months at \$562.00 per month and one child for eleven months at \$340.00 per month.

53. Judgment is entered in favor of Petitioner and against Respondent for child support arrearages in the amount of \$9,922.00.

54. Petitioner may submit the child support order and arrearage judgment to the Office of Recovery Services for collection.

55. The arrearage judgment may be enforced by any lawful means.

VIII. Real Property, Personal Property, Financial Accounts, Retirement Accounts, and Debts

56. The parties' marital home was sold by stipulation earlier in these proceedings, and the proceeds from the sale of the marital home have already been divided.

57. The parties' real property has been divided.

58. The parties' personal property has been divided.

59. The parties' debts have been divided.

60. Respondent cashed out a retirement account earlier in these proceedings. No further division of the retirement account shall be required.

61. No further division of real property, personal property, financial accounts, retirement accounts, or debts shall be required.

IX. Attorney Fees and Costs

62. Petitioner's request for attorney fees and costs is denied.
63. Each party shall bear his or her own attorney fees and costs incurred to date, except as otherwise ordered by the Court.
64. If Petitioner is required to bring a future enforcement proceeding and prevails, Petitioner may request attorney fees at that time if authorized by applicable law.

X. General Provisions

65. The parties shall execute any documents reasonably necessary to carry out the terms of this Decree.
66. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce and modify this Decree as permitted by law.
67. All prior temporary orders shall merge into this Decree, except to the extent any prior order is specifically preserved herein.
68. Any relief requested by either party and not specifically granted herein is denied.

Pursuant to Rule 10(e) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court's entry of this Order is indicated at the top of the first page of the Order.

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OF

ORDER-----

RULE 7 NOTICE

You will please take notice that pursuant to Rule 7(j)(4) of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, you may object to the form of this Order by filing a written objection hereto within seven (7) days of service hereof.

DATED this 18th day of August 2026.

ROSING DAVIDSON FROST

/s/ Court J. Klekas II
Court J. Klekas II
Attorney for Petitioner John Lopez

Approved as to form:

/s/
Samantha Lopez
Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of August 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing **DECREE OF DIVORCE** to be served via e-mail upon the following:

Samantha Lopez
Respondent
Olsen713@gmail.com
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/s/ Catherine Kieffer