The Order of the Court is stated below:
Dated: November 02, 2026 05:31:34 PM **/s/** TODD HILBIG
District Court Judge

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

In the matter of the marriage of CHAD BATES Petitioner, and MELANIE BATES, Respondent.	**DECREE OF DIVORCE** Case Number: 245300156 Judge Todd Hilbig

This matter came regularly for consideration by the Court without hearing pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 81-4-402. Petitioner Chad Bates ("Petitioner") and Respondent Melanie Bates ("Respondent") previously entered into a written Stipulation to settle all issues as specified therein and agreed to the entry of a Decree of Divorce consistent with the terms of the Stipulation. The Court, having considered the testimony of Petitioner by way of sworn declaration as to jurisdiction and grounds for divorce, having received and reviewed the Stipulation and other pleadings on file, having previously entered its Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law and for good cause otherwise appearing, does hereby ORDER, ADJUDGE and DECREE as follows:

Divorce

1. The parties are hereby awarded a divorce from each other, to become effective immediately upon its entry herein.

Real Property

2. Petitioner is awarded the Marital Home located at 770 Lakeview Drive, Stanbury Park, UT 84074 (the "**Marital Home**") as his sole and separate property, subject to paying all further debts and obligations associated therewith, and subject to paying Respondent a negotiated equity sum of $20,000, which shall be due and payable to Respondent no later than sixty (60) days following the date Respondent vacates the Marital Home.

3. Respondent may continue living in the Marital Home with Petitioner pursuant to the terms of a Lease Agreement they intend to negotiate. In the event the parties cannot agree on the terms of lease agreement, Respondent shall be required to vacate the Marital Home not later than six (6) months following the date of entry of the Decree of Divorce.

4. Upon entry of the Decree of Divorce, Respondent shall execute, as applicable, a recordable Quit Claim Deed conveying her interest in the Marital Home to Petitioner. Petitioner shall be responsible for the drafting of the Deed and Respondent shall be obligated to sign and deliver it in recordable form to Petitioner within two (2) weeks following Chad's request.

Alimony

5. Neither party is awarded any alimony through this matter as any such claims to alimony have been irrevocably waived by both parties.

Checking/Savings Accounts

6. During the marriage, the parties acquired various checking and savings accounts appearing their respective and joint names. The financial accounts are awarded as appearing in the following table:

DESCRIPTION	TO CHAD	TO MELANIE	NOTES
USAA (3326)		X	Chad's name to be removed upon Divorce
USAA (3318)		X	Chad's name to be removed upon Divorce
USAA (0447)		X	Chad's name to be removed upon Divorce
USAA (0455)		X	Chad's name to be removed upon Divorce
Chartway CU (7898)	X		
Chartway CU (9703)	X		

7. Any cash funds in the possession of either party as of October 19, 2026 are awarded to the party in possession thereof.

Investment Accounts

8. There are no marital investment accounts to divide through this matter.

Retirement Accounts

9. Prior to and during the marriage, the parties acquired retirement accounts and benefits. In consideration of the Marital Home provisions, Petitioner is awarded his 401k through Fidelity Investments as his sole and separate property, free of any claim by Respondent. The parties are each awarded any other and further retirement accounts and benefits, as applicable, appearing in their respective names.

10. Prior to the marriage, Petitioner acquired and funded life insurance policies with Union Security Insurance and State Farm which are awarded to him as his sole and separate property.

Business Interests

11. The parties did not acquire any business interests to divide in this matter.

Vehicles/Toys

12. During the marriage, Petitioner and Respondent acquired the following vehicles: (1) 2001 Honda Accord; (2) 2018 Honda Civic; (3) 2005 Ford F150; and (4) 1991 Honda CRX. Respondent is awarded the 2018 Honda Civic. Notwithstanding, Petitioner shall be obligated to service the current loan on the 2018 Honda Civic until the loan is discharged, either through a sale of the vehicle or otherwise. In the event the vehicle is sold or traded in, the sales proceeds shall first be applied toward paying the remaining balance of the loan with the remainder paid to Respondent. Respondent shall refinance the loan on this vehicle out of Petitioner's name as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event, not later than six (6) months following the date of

entry of this Order. Petitioner is awarded all other vehicles subject to paying any debts and obligations associated therewith.

Personal Property

13. The parties are each awarded their personal items, together with any items they each owned prior to the marriage or otherwise received by inheritance through their respective family lines during the marriage.

14. During the marriage, the parties acquired various marital items of personal property such as furniture, electronics, household goods, recreational equipment, artwork and jewelry which has already been divided. Accordingly, Petitioner and Respondent are each awarded all items of personal property in their respective possession(s).

Debts

15. During the marriage, the parties incurred various debts and obligations in their joint and individual names, including medical and credit card debts appearing in their respective names. The parties shall each pay the debts in their respective names, holding the other party harmless therefrom. Respondent shall be responsible to assume and pay the USAA credit card debt appearing in the parties' joint names, holding Petitioner harmless for this debt.

16. Any debts separately incurred by either party for their own benefit after October 19, 2026 shall be assumed by the person responsible for incurring it, holding the other party harmless therefrom.

Taxes

17. Petitioner and Respondent shall file separate tax returns for the 2026 tax year with any mortgage interest deductions being claimed by Petitioner. Each party shall be individually responsible for any tax underpayments and shall also benefit individually for any refunds.

Miscellaneous

18. Respondent's former name of Melanie Spendlove is restored to her if she so chooses.

19. The parties shall each pay their own attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this matter.

20. The parties shall timely cooperate in executing and delivering to the other, any necessary documents to transfer the title and ownership of the property as contemplated in the final Decree of Divorce.

21. Any and all property and money received or retained by either party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be considered the separate property of such party free and clear of any right, interest or claim of the other party, including the right to inherit or to be named as a beneficiary except as specifically provided herein. Each party shall have the right hereafter to use and enjoy, independently of any claim or right of the other party, all items of real or personal property awarded to them.

END OF ORDER

Entered by the Court on the date indicated by the Court's Seal at the top of the first page

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

In compliance with Rule 7(j)(2), I hereby certify, that on the 2nd day of November, 2026, I caused to be served a true and correct copy(s) of the foregoing **Decree of Divorce** to each of the following party(s) via the Utah State Bar GreenFiling electronic filing system and/or email to each of the following:

Melanie Bates
Melly233@gmail.com
Respondent

/s/ Brady T. Gibbs

/s/ Brady T. Gibbs