The Order of the Court is stated below:
Dated: November 19, 2026 05:11:56 PM **/s/** JASON NELSON
District Court Judge

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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
WEBER COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Marriage of: **PRESTON TIMOTHY RANKIN,** **Petitioner,** **and** **HOPE ELIZABETH RANKIN,** **Respondent.**	**DECREE OF DIVORCE** **Case No.: 264900694** **Judge: Jason Nelson** **Commissioner: Brandon Richards**

The parties, Preston Timothy Rankin and Hope Elizabeth Rankin, having reached a settlement of all outstanding issues in the divorce matter, and desiring the Court to enter a Divorce Decree, and Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law having been entered, the Court having approved the same, and being fully advised in the premises now hereby ORDERS, ADJUDICATES AND DECREES as follows:

1. The Petitioner ("Preston") and Respondent ("Hope") are residents of Weber County, State of Utah, and have so resided for at least three (3)

months prior to the commencement of this action. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §78A-5-102.

2. The parties are awarded a final Decree of Divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §81-4-405, the same to become final upon entry with the Court.

3. **Children**: During the course of the marriage there was one child born to the parties, to wit: A.H.R., born in October of 2022, and no other children are expected.

4. **Legal Custody.** The child benefits by having two parents that are involved in the decision-making process. As such, the parties are awarded joint legal custody of the minor child and shall follow the Parenting Plan described below.

5. **Physical Custody.** The parties have been equal caretakers of the minor child during the marriage. It is in the child's best interests for the parties to be awarded parent time on an equal basis pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §81-9-304.

6. PARENTING FUNCTIONS (§81-9-203 and 202)

a. General Principles

i. We shall leave the past in the past—taking from the past only the lessons we have learned and the motivation to make things work better in the future.

ii. Our child has a different and unique perspective of each of his parents than we do. We shall respect our child's right to have a meaningful bond with his other parent.

iii. Our child's self-esteem depends on him having a positive perception of both parents. We shall say only positive words about our co-parent—emphasizing their parental strengths as much as possible.

iv. We shall live the Golden Rule—we will treat each other as we would like to be treated.

v. We shall trade favors and build good will with each other.

vi. We shall conduct our discussions in a business-like and respectful manner. We will not allow the conversation to become heated or over-emotional. If our communication fails to be effective, we shall reschedule the discussion to another time. In our conversations, we shall not put down or otherwise show disrespect to our co-parent.

vii. We understand the difference between a legitimate complaint and injurious criticism. We shall share our

complaints in a respectful manner and receive complaints without taking personal offense.

viii. Our child has extended family relationships and we shall accommodate our co-parent's reasonable requests to take our child to special family events.

ix. Our child will have the opportunity to grow up in two homes: "Mom's house" and "Dad's house." Our child will have the opportunity to be loved and supported by many new family members.

x. We understand that each of us is 100% responsible for our home environment. We shall create an emotionally healthy and safe home environment for the benefit of our child.

xi. We recognize that while we have the opportunity to influence each other as co-parents, we have no inherent power to control each other.

xii. We shall have a "no contention" rule. This means that from this day forward, we will not allow any contention to occur between us. Rather, we will focus on problem solving rather than fighting. To solve a problem, we may need to postpone a conversation until after we have obtained more information or completed

research concerning the problem or issue. Rather than rash personal opinions, we shall share our ideas and research as we work towards a resolution.

xiii. We recognize that relationship problems are best solved in a one-on-one manner. Therefore, we shall not triangulate others in our problem-solving efforts. If our child has a problem with a particular parent, the child and the parent involved should solve the problem.

xiv. We shall not to use our child as a messenger or problem solver.

xv. We shall give our child permission to love both parents. Consequently, our child will not have to choose sides.

xvi. We shall discuss parenting and discipline philosophies and reach a consensus, whenever possible, on parenting strategies. We understand that if we act with consistency and as a “united front,” our child will feel more secure and will not play one parent against the other.

xvii. We recognize that as human beings, we possess strengths and weaknesses. Each of us is responsible for our choices and accountable for our mistakes. We shall

learn from our mistakes and do “repair work” when necessary.

xviii. We recognize that contention, and especially litigation, between us can cause our child to suffer emotional and behavioral problems. We shall use our best efforts to resolve differences and solve our problems without the need for litigation.

xix. We shall ensure that exchange times are “tension” and “contention” free for our child. We shall be courteous and respectful when exchanging our child. We shall discuss any financial issues or other significant concerns at another time away from the child.

xx. We shall send clean and appropriate clothing at exchange times and return clothing and other items that belong to the other parent’s home within a reasonable time.

xxi. Our child should be allowed and encouraged to call each parent “Mom” and “Dad” and not refer to either parent by his/her first name.

xxii. Our child should be encouraged to express terms of endearment (*e.g.*, "I love you") to each parent while in the care of the other parent.

b. M*aintaining a loving, stable, consistent, and nurturing relationship with the child.*

i. Consistency is one of the key elements in raising children. Therefore, we would like to see the same curfews implemented at each of our homes.

ii. We recognize that our discipline and parenting of our child will be more effective if we work as a "united front." We shall build our co-parenting relationship on trust and respect.

iii. When in the care of either parent, our child can call the other parent should he so desire.

c. A*ttending to the daily needs of the child, such as feeding, clothing, physical care, grooming, supervision, health care, day care, and engaging in other activities which are appropriate to the developmental level of the child and that re within the social and economic circumstances of the particular family*

i. During the time that our child is with each of their parents, the day-to-day decisions shall be made by the

parent having physical custody. Both parties will have the right to make emergency decisions affecting the health, safety or welfare of the child.

d. At*tending to adequate education for the child, including remedial or other education essential to the best interest of the child*

i. The parties shall reasonably assist and facilitate the minor child's homework, school projects and other extra-curricular activities/projects. Both parties should be cognizant and recognize their relative strengths and weaknesses in assisting the child with his homework assignments, school projects and extra-curricular activities/projects. The parties shall reasonably facilitate and provide assistance to the child thereon, being cognizant of which party may have the child in their physical care at the time in which the assistance for the child's homework, school projects, and other extra-curricular activities/projects may be needed or necessary.

e. *Assisting the child in developing and maintaining appropriate interpersonal relationships*

i. The minor child shall be encouraged to maintain relationships with his grandparents and other relatives and each party shall be required to assist as may be necessary, to permit those relationships to continue, however at no time to the trump parental duties or roles. This may include permitting the child to attend special events with the other family and permitting the child to spend time with the extended family that may otherwise interfere with the time-sharing arrangement anticipated by this Plan.

f. *Exercising appropriate judgment regarding the child's welfare, consistent with the child's development level and family, social and economic circumstances*

i. The parties shall reasonably consult with one another before making any decisions regarding any major issues affecting their child.

ii. Each party will make reasonable efforts to notify one another of the child's medical and dental appointments, parent teacher conferences, school events and performances, parent volunteer opportunities, church events, and other activities related therewith; and any medical or other emergencies.

g. *Providing for the financial support of the child*

i. Any and all discretionary decisions regarding the minor child, having a financial impact on both parties, will be reasonably discussed in advance between the parties. Such financial decisions include, but are not limited to, extra-curricular activities, braces, glasses, contact lenses, etc. for the minor child.

ii. Child support, daycare expenses and medical expenses shall be allocated pursuant to the terms of the Decree of Divorce.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

a. To the extent that costs may be incurred for the outside assistance in resolving disputes under this Parenting Plan, the parties shall equally share those costs. The parties shall mediate as a prerequisite to taking the matter to the Court.

b. If the court finds that a parent has used or frustrated the dispute resolution process without good reason, the court may award attorney's fees and other financial sanctions to the parent who prevails in the resolution of the dispute.

8. DECISION MAKING PROCESS

a. *Day-to-Day decisions.* We understand that whichever parent has physical custody of our child shall make minor, day-to-day decisions regarding his care.

b. *Decision-making procedure.* All major decisions concerning our child, including his health, education, and general welfare, daycare, education, and medical and dental treatment and therapy will be discussed. Further, we shall use the following decision-making procedure:

i. Identify the issue;

ii. Brainstorm possible solutions;

iii. Consult professionals in the area where there is an issue;

iv. Attend mediation;

v. Respondent shall then have final decision-making authority;

vi. Petitioner shall have the right to object to any decision on the basis of it not being the child's best interests.

9. RESIDENTIAL/TIME SHARING SCHEDULE

a. The parties shall have 50/50 custody of the minor child and exercise parent time pursuant to §81-9-304.

b. We shall equally share in transportation and/or transportation costs for the child for our respective parent-time.

c. Revision of time-sharing schedule. In order to better meet the emotional needs of our child, we shall revise the time-sharing schedule, if necessary, by consulting with each other and cooperatively attempting to establish a new time-sharing schedule. We shall consider revising our schedule if a significant change occurs in either of our lives. We shall first consult with each other to modify the time-sharing arrangement as set forth above. If unsuccessful, we can engage in dispute resolution or court action.

d. Respondent has other children and priority shall be given to allow her to maximize the time that all of the children are together.

e. When the child is 9 years old either parent may request a mediation to adjust the time sharing on the 50/50 arrangement. If the parties cannot reach an agreement a petition to modify may be filed without a showing of a material and substantial change in circumstances.

f. Respondent shall be considered the custodial parent for records and where the child attends school.

g. Both parties shall have access to all information and be listed as Mother/Father and all of their information provided.

h. Both parents are responsible for getting the child to school on time during their parent time and only allowing the child to miss school when agreed or due to a medical condition.

10. SHARING OF INFORMATION

a. We will communicate civilly using Our Family Wizard, unless there is an emergency or time-sensitive issue, when we will speak by telephone, or text.

b. We shall use our best efforts to communicate and share information with each other on a frequent basis regarding our child's development, school work, medical and dental treatment, therapy, and any other information appropriate to share with the other parent. All appointments that are scheduled by one parent shall immediately be placed on the Our Family Wizard calendar. These shall be placed on the calendar within 24 hours of scheduling.

c. We shall notify the other parent of school programs, church events, extracurricular activities, and sporting events that involve our child should that information not be available to the other parent. However, as joint custody co-parents it

is expected that both parents will have the same access to all information regarding school and extra-curricular activities.

d. We shall notify the other parent of significant illness the child may have during our parent time.

e. We shall immediately advise the other parent of any changes in our address, telephone number, or other information pertinent to communication.

f. We shall advise the other parent of all logistical details regarding vacation time with our child, including places and telephone numbers where the child may be reached as soon as reasonably practicable.

11. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

a. Both parents shall have the right of access to the medical, educational, daycare, religious, and other records of the minor child.

12. RELOCATION

a. As the parties are doing a 50/50 sharing agreement they must live within a 10 mile radius of each other. Should either party move further away from the other party they shall give notice to the party pursuant to UCA 81-9-207. Until ordered differently by the court the relocating party is responsible for the additional travel costs.

b. The parties shall continue equally sharing in transportation with the 50/50 custody each party picking up at the beginning of their time and exchanges happening where possible at the school.

13. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

a. Neither party can consume any alcohol while the minor child is in their custody and control.

b. Neither party shall consume drugs including those prescribed or allowed by law to the point of intoxication when the minor child is in their care and custody.

c. Neither party shall vape, smoke any substance when the minor child is in the same space as the child, including going outdoors if the child is around.

14. **Child Support.** Child support is awarded in accordance with the "Uniform Civil Liability for Support Act", UCA §78-45-1 et seq., based on the parties' incomes and parent-time. Both parties are ordered to provide income verification to the other party. Any child support award shall continue until the child reaches the age of 18 or the month that the child would have graduated from high school with his class, whichever occurs later.

a. Petitioner is currently employed with Strive Plumbing and earns $5546 a month.

b. Respondent is currently employed with Sandstone Pro and earns $3432 a month working 36 hours.

c. Child support is based on Respondent not having other children. However, when or if child support is recalculated, it shall be based on all children that are in her care and under 18 years of age.

d. Petitioner shall pay child support in the amount of $124 beginning October 1st, 2026.

e. Petitioner currently owes back support of $692. This amount shall be paid in full within 6 months of the signing of the stipulation.

f. The monthly child support shall commence the month the Decree of Divorce is entered in this matter and shall be paid one half on or before the 5th day of each month, and the other half on or before the 20th day of each month.

g. Child support for the parties' minor child shall be paid until such time as the child reaches the age of eighteen (18) or graduates from high school through a regular course of study, whichever occurs later, or until such time as the child is emancipated prior to the age of eighteen (18).

15. **Insurance.** Both parties are responsible to provide medical, dental, and optical insurance for the child if it is

reasonably available. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §78B-12-212, each party is responsible for one-half (½) of the out-of-pocket cost of the child's per capita portion of the insurance premium. In the event both parties have insurance benefits available to them, the parties shall compare their separate insurance benefits to determine the best coverage at the most reasonable cost. In the alternative, the parties shall each provide their own separate insurance coverage for the benefit of the minor child, with the parties being solely responsible for the premiums associated with their respective coverage.

a. As long as the minor child is eligible for state benefits then the parties shall use Medicaid or other assistance, this will trump the requirement for them each to see separate insurance as it is not financially feasible.

b. The party providing insurance shall provide verification of coverage to the other party, or to the Office of Recovery Services under Title IV of the Social Security Act, 42 USC §§ 601, et. seq., upon initial enrollment of the dependent child, and thereafter on or before January 2nd of each calendar year. The party carrying the insurance should notify the other party, or the Office of Recovery Services, of any change of insurance carrier, premium, or benefits within thirty (30)

calendar days of the date the party knew or should have known of the change.

c. The parties shall share equally all reasonable and necessary uninsured expenses, including, but not limited to medical, dental, and/or optometry expenses, including deductibles, prescriptions and co-payments, (hereinafter collectively as "medical expenses") incurred for the minor child.

d. A parent who incurs medical expenses shall provide written verification of the cost and payment of medical expenses to the other parent within thirty (30) days of payment. Payment from the non-incurring party shall be paid to the incurring party within thirty (30) days of receipt of such written verification.

16. **Child Care Expenses.** The parties shall share equally the work- or education-related child-care expenses incurred for the minor child. A parent who incurs child-care expenses shall provide written verification of the expenses to the other parent within thirty (30) days of receipt of said written verification. Payment from the non-incurring party shall be paid to the incurring party within thirty (30) days of receipt of said written verification.

a. Currently the child is attending daycare/preschool at YWCA and the Respondent receives a fee adjustment. Any out-of-pocket expenses shall be equally shared for this expense. It is currently set at $40.00 a month with each party paying $20.00 beginning October 1st. These amounts shall be paid with child support. Should the amount change then the Respondent shall notify the Petitioner via OFW and he will pay the increase. Due to the program daycare could change on a monthly basis. Petitioner is responsible for ½ as long as Petitioner sends proper documentation.

b. In addition to any other sanctions provided by this Court, a parent incurring child-care expenses shall be denied the right to recover the other parent's share of the expenses if that parent fails to provide verification of the child-care expense within thirty (30) days of the receipt of said expenses.

17. **Taxes.** The parties shall alternate claiming the parties' minor child for tax purposes every other year. The Respondent shall claim the minor child for the 2026 year and all even years thereafter. The Petitioner shall claim in odd years. Should the Petitioner not be current on child support and related expenses such as day care he may not claim the minor child.

18. **Real Property:** Prior to the parties' marriage, Petitioner acquired a home located at 446 30th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401. The home is awarded to Petitioner free and clear of any claim by Respondent. As a general property offset the Petitioner shall pay to the Respondent monthly funds, which will then waive all rights to her interest in the property. The Petitioner will pay $350 in total support including child support, for 36 months. (Child support is set at $124, the amount of $226 will be paid for house equity.) Should child support be revisited, then Petitioner will still be required to pay the $226 a month for the 36 months. This does not include daycare, health insurance or other fees, only child support and Respondent's ownership in any property. Should the Petitioner not pay these amounts the Respondent will be entitled to an equitable lien.

19. **Child Support Adjustment:** After 36 months of paying the $226 a month child support may be re-adjusted. The parties shall include current incomes and all children that the Respondent has under 18 years of age.

20. **Personal Property:** The parties acquired certain items of personal property during the marriage which shall be equitably divided between the parties. Any personal property acquired prior to the marriage shall be awarded to the party who owned such

property prior to the marriage. Any personal property received as a gift or inheritance shall be awarded to the party who received such gift or inheritance prior to or during the marriage. If the parties cannot agree on the division of personal property, they shall resolve the issue in mediation.

21. **Vehicles.** The parties acquired vehicles during the course of their marriage. The Petitioner is awarded sole and exclusive use of the Hyundai Sonata currently in his possession, subject to any and all indebtedness associated therewith, holding the Respondent harmless, indemnifying, and defending him therefrom. The Respondent is awarded sole and exclusive use of the Hyundai Tucson in her possession, subject to any and all indebtedness associated therewith, holding the Petitioner harmless, indemnifying, and defending him therefrom. The parties shall have separate insurance for the vehicles as of October 1st, 2026.

22. **Alimony:** This is a short-term marriage and therefore neither party is awarded alimony, now or in the future.

23. **Financial Assets/Accounts:** The parties shall close out all joint checking and savings accounts and evenly divide any remaining amounts. All financial accounts acquired during the marriage in either party's name shall be equally divided.

24. **Retirement Assets:** The parties are awarded their separate retirement and bank accounts as part of the global settlement.

25. **Debts and Obligations:** During the course of the marriage the parties incurred debts and obligations. The only marital debt is that of the Golden west credit card in the Petitioner's name. He shall be solely responsible for the obligations. The parties shall take all other debt that is in their separate names. The parties shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party for all debt that they are responsible for servicing.

26. **Attorney Fees.** The parties are each responsible for their own attorneys fees and costs. Should either party have to bring back an action and they prevail, the court shall award attorneys fees for the party's non-compliance.

27. **Misc.**

a. Voluntary Agreements Between the Parties: The parties may jointly agree in writing to expand parent-time, modify communication methods, or engage in joint family activities. Any such voluntary agreements shall be valid and enforceable between the parties but shall not create a permanent obligation, precedent, or entitlement unless incorporated into a modified court order signed by both

parties or ordered by the Court. Written agreement may include signed documents, signed electronic documents, email exchanges, or documented agreement within the court-approved parenting application.

b. Personal Conduct: The parties are mutually restrained from committing, attempting to commit, or threatening to commit any form of violence against one another. This includes stalking, harassing, threatening, physically hurting, or actuating any other form of abuse.

c. Confidential Information**:** Both parties are restrained from disclosing or using any confidential or sensitive personal information obtained during the marriage (e.g., financial information, medical history, personal correspondence, passwords) for the purpose of harassment, manipulation, public exposure, or other illegitimate purpose. The parties will no longer use any passwords or access they have obtained from their other person as a result of marriage. The parties will not use any methods to stalk or track the other party. The parties will destroy any images of the other party where the parties are unclothed. The parties will return all keys, garage door openers etc., to the other party.

d. Credit: Neither party shall use the other party's credit, likeness, or accounts for any purpose.

e. Disparagement: The parties are mutually restrained from making any disparaging remarks about the other parent in front of the parties' minor child or to the minor child.

f. Previous Name: Ms. Rankin may return to her previous name of Stewart.

(End of Order)

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THE COURT'S ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE AND SEAL WILL APPEAR AT TOP OF DOCUMENT WHEN SIGNED AND ENTERED BY THE COURT

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Pursuant to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 7(j)(4), this Order will be filed with the above-entitled Court seven (7) days after service upon you and submitted to the District Court Judge for signature. Your Objection, if any, must be filed with the Court within seven (7) days after service.

DATED this 24th day of October, 2026.

WILLIAMS & PACE LAW, P.C.

/s/ Richard T. Williams
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Attorney for Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of October, 2026, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing to be served via email to:

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Via Email: *hstewart1821@gmail.com*

/s/ Holly Ranger
Paralegal