

The Court affirmatively finds as follows:

- ① The spouses have sworn and affirmed they have children together who are under 18, in high school or disabled, and neither spouse is pregnant. “*Children together*” means children they had together before the marriage and all children born or adopted during their marriage.
- ② The spouses have both signed under penalty of perjury a proposed Permanent Parenting Plan that includes all children the parties have together.
- ③ The spouses have made adequate and sufficient provision for the custody and support of all of their children and the Court finds the proposed Permanent Parenting Plan, including the parent schedule, is in the children’s best interest.
- ④ The spouses have both signed under penalty of perjury a *Divorce Agreement (Marital Dissolution Agreement)*. That *Agreement* has disclosed fully the spouses’ assets and liabilities, and the Court finds it equitably settles any and all property rights between them.

⑤ **Alimony:**

- Neither spouse wants alimony, **OR**
- The (check one) **Plaintiff** **Defendant** agrees to pay (amount) \$ _____ each (check one): **Week** **Month** **Other:** _____
- The alimony will end on (date): _____, **OR**
- The alimony will end when this happens: _____

- ⑥ The spouses are now divorced based on irreconcilable differences and are restored to the rights and privileges of unmarried persons. The *Permanent Parenting Plan* and *Divorce Agreement (Marital Dissolution Agreement)* are now a part of this Final Decree of Divorce. **Important!** Both spouses have 30 days to appeal this *Decree*. You should **not** get married again or buy any property during the next 30 days.

⑦ **Orders of Protection** (check one):

- Neither party has a current Order of Protection.
- The Court ends the current Order of Protection.
- The Court continues the current Order of Protection from this Court until _____ (MM/DD/YYYY). **Attach a copy of the Order of Protection and write Case # here:** _____
- The parties have an Order of Protection in a different Court. This *Final Decree of Divorce* does not change that Order of Protection. **Attach a copy of the Order of Protection and write Case # here:** _____

Restraining Order (check one):

- Neither Party has a current *Restraining Order* or wants a *Restraining Order*.
- The Court orders both parties not to hurt or threaten the other.
- The Court further orders that they cannot contact each other after the divorce is final. They also cannot send messages to each other through other people.

⑧ **Name Change** (check one):

This Order does not change either party's name.

This Order changes the **Plaintiff's** name to:

First

Middle

Last

This Order changes the **Defendant's** name to:

First

Middle

Last

Important! You may need a **certified copy** of this *Decree* to change your name on your driver's license or other records.

⑨ **Lawyer Fees:**

Neither side has a lawyer.

The **Plaintiff** will pay for his/her lawyer's fees and the **Defendant** will pay for his/her lawyer's fees.

Other (explain): _____

⑩ **Court Costs** will be paid as follows (check one):

The **Plaintiff** and **Defendant** will each pay 50% of the Court costs.

Plaintiff will pay all costs.

Defendant will pay all costs.

Other agreement: _____

⑪ **Other Orders:**

Notice: This *Final Decree of Divorce* does not necessarily affect the ability of a creditor to proceed against a party or a party's property, even though the party is not responsible under the terms of the *Final Decree* for an account, any debt associated with an account, or any debt. It may be in a party's best interest to cancel, close or freeze any jointly-held accounts (*T.C.A., §36-4-134*).

This means that the *Final Decree* does **not** protect you against creditors. They may try to collect from you even if your spouse is supposed to pay the debt. It may be best to cancel, close, or freeze any accounts you have together.

This *Decree* is made on (date) _____ By: _____

Judge's Signature

This *Final Decree* is **not final until 30 days after the Judge signs it**. During those 30 days, you may have questions about remarrying or buying property. If so, talk to a lawyer.

Presented By: _____

Person Filing the *Decree*



_____ Plaintiff's Signature	_____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
	_____ Plaintiff's Phone #

_____ Defendant's Signature	_____ Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
	_____ Defendant's Phone #

If your spouse did not go to this hearing, you must mail him/her a copy of this signed *Final Decree of Divorce*. Please fill out below.

<u>Certificate of Service</u>
<p>I swear and affirm that that a true and exact copy of this <i>Final Decree of Divorce</i> was given to my spouse. It was delivered in person or sent by First Class U.S. Mail to this address:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>on (date) _____.</p> <p>Spouse who mails it signs here: ▶ _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Street Address)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(City, State, Zip)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Phone Number)</p>

- Attached:**
- Divorce Agreement** – Marital Dissolution Agreement (if not already submitted)
 - Certificate of Divorce or Annulment** (if not already submitted)
 - Parenting Plan – including *Child Support Worksheet*** (if not already submitted)
 - Title IV-D Form** (if not already submitted)
 - Other:** _____