

	*	IN THE
Plaintiff	*	CIRCUIT COURT
v.	*	FOR
	*	_____
Defendant	*	Civil No.:
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**JUDGMENT OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

**This Order consists of this document and the attached sections concerning:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Child Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Orders       |

**1. BASIS**

The provisions of this order are based upon

An evidentiary hearing before a  Judge  Master following:

- a written request for relief and a response
- a written request for relief and entry of an order of default.

At hearing the following individuals personally appeared:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> plaintiff              | <input type="checkbox"/> defendant              | <input type="checkbox"/> attorney for child(ren) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney for plaintiff | <input type="checkbox"/> attorney for defendant | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____            |

An agreement of the parties:

- submitted in writing
- placed orally on the record before a  Judge  Master.

**2. ORDER**

**2.1 Grant of Absolute Divorce.** It is this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2,  
by the Circuit Court for \_\_\_\_\_ hereby

ORDERED, that the Plaintiff is hereby granted an absolute divorce from the Defendant.

**2.2 Incorporation of Separation Agreement.**

ORDERED, that all of the terms and provisions of the separation agreement signed by the parties and dated \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby approved by the Court and incorporated, but not merged, into this judgment by reference[.]

with the exception of: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**2.3 Monetary Award or Reservation of the Power to Determine Marital Property.**

- [ ] ORDERED, that, pursuant to Md. Fam. Law Code Ann. § 8-205, \_\_\_\_\_ shall pay directly to \_\_\_\_\_ a monetary award in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to adjust the respective rights and equities of the parties in their marital property and said monetary award shall be reduced to judgment in favor of \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] ORDERED, that, pursuant to Md. Fam. Law Code Ann. § 8-203(a)(2), the Court expressly reserves the power to determine marital property within a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of this order, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties or extended by this Court, and to determine the amount of any marital award at that time.

**2.4 Transfer of Interest in a Retirement Asset**

- [ ] The transfer of an interest in a retirement asset has been addressed in an accompanying Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) which was or is being signed by the Court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_\_. *[NB: The Court should refrain from entering a judgment of absolute divorce where retirement assets are to be transferred until a QDRO has been prepared.]*

**2.5 Restoration of Former Name**

- [ ] ORDERED, that \_\_\_\_\_ is hereby restored to the use of the former name of \_\_\_\_\_.

**2.6 Attorney Fees and Judgment.**

- [ ] ORDERED, that \_\_\_\_\_ is directed to pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ as contribution toward attorney fees, to be paid within \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- [ ] If payment is not made within 30 days, upon filing of an affidavit by the payee, a judgment shall be entered against \_\_\_\_\_, in that amount, together with interest at the legal rate.

**2.7 Court Costs.** ORDERED that the following is/are to pay the costs of these proceedings, payable to the Court, in the manner indicated below:

- [ ] PLAINTIFF \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] DEFENDANT \_\_\_\_\_
- [ ] PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT EQUALLY
- [ ] COSTS ARE **WAIVED**.

**SIGNATURE ATTACHMENT**

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JUDGE

Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)