

In the Marriage of:

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Petitioner 1

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Petitioner 2

**Findings of Fact,  
Conclusions of Law, and  
Decree of Joint Dissolution  
With Children**

The Court enters the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**A. Procedural History.**

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, the Petition for Dissolution was filed by Co-Petitioners without a lawyer.

**B. The Court (Choose One)**

☐ Held a Final Hearing on Dissolution, and both parties were present.

OR

☐ Held a Final Hearing on Dissolution and only one party was present. The non-appearing party filed a MP-130 Consent to Entry of Decree.

OR

☐ Waived the Final Hearing.

**C. Marriage**

Parties have established to the satisfaction of the Court that they were married according to Montana Law.

☐ The parties were married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_. The marriage license was filed in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

☐ The parties were married at common law as of (date) \_\_\_\_\_. The parties assumed a marital relationship by mutual consent and agreement. The parties confirmed their marriage by living together and by public knowledge.

**OR**

☐ The parties filed a declaration of marriage on (date) \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

**D. Jurisdiction, and Venue.** 90 days before this case was filed, either Co-Petitioner was domiciled or was stationed in Montana. Venue is proper in this County.

**E. Irretrievable Breakdown.** The parties have established that the marriage is irretrievably broken. The Court dissolves the marriage between the parties.

**F. Declaration of Disclosure.** The parties are in compliance with the financial disclosure requirements §§ 40-4-252 through 254, M.C.A.

**G. Property Distribution.** The Court finds that the **Jointly Proposed Property Distribution MP-521** is an equitable division of the marital property, assets, and liabilities and is not unconscionable. The Judge will sign the approved **MP-521** at the conclusion of the case.

**H. Parenting.** There is a/are child(ren) of the marriage who is/are minor(s). Montana is the home state of the child(ren) of the marriage. Jurisdiction for parenting is proper in Montana. Co-petitioners filed a **Joint Proposed Parenting Plan MP-320** and submitted it to the Court for final approval.

**I. Best Interest Standard,** The Court finds the **Jointly Proposed Parenting Plan MP-320** is in the best interest of the children of the marriage. The Judge will sign **MP-320** at the conclusion of the case. The signed **MP-320** outlines child support, medical coverage, and parenting schedule that is enforceable by the Court.

**J. Pregnancy**

Petitioner/Co-Petitioner 1 ☐ is ☐ is not pregnant.

The pregnancy ☐ is ☐ is not a child of the marriage.

Respondent/Co-Petitioner 2 ☐ is ☐ is not pregnant.

The pregnancy ☐ is ☐ is not a child of the marriage.

**K.**

Spousal Maintenance. *(Choose One)*

☐ No spousal maintenance is awarded in this case.

**OR**

☐ The Court orders the spousal maintenance agreement proposed (include amount, duration, and payment schedule) as follows:

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**L. Previous Names.**

☐ Neither party requests restoration of a previous name.

OR

☐ The Court Orders the follow name restoration:

Co-Petitioner 1 Name is restored to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, and Last)

Co-Petitioner 2 Name is restored to: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, and Last)

**DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

- A.** The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and this cause of action.
- B.** The Court dissolves the marriage between the parties.
- C.** The Court dissolves the Automatic Economic Restraining Order issued in this matter under M.C.A. § 40-4-121(3), M.C.A.
- D.** The Court has signed and adopts and incorporates by reference the approved Property Distribution. The Court orders the parties to follow the Property Distribution.
- E.** The Court has signed and adopts and incorporates by reference the approved Parenting Plan. The Court Approved Parenting Plan is in the best interest of the child(ren). The Court orders the parties to follow the terms of the Parenting Plan, including child support payments, medical support, and parenting schedule.
- F.** Name changes shall be made per the Court's determination stated above.
- G.** Spousal maintenance shall be provided per the determination stated above.
- H.** Other Provisions:

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**Each party is ordered to take any action necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of this Decree, Property Distribution, and Parenting Plan including the signing and transfer of titles, deeds, or other documents within a reasonable amount of time from the date of this Decree or as more specifically provided in the Property Distribution and Parenting Plan.**

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

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☐ DISTRICT COURT JUDGE / ☐ STANDING MASTER