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CAUSE NO. [_____]

IN THE INTEREST OF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

A CHILD

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

**AGREED ORDER TO REFER CASE TO A SPECIAL JUDGE
(CHAPTER 151, CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE)**

On _____, 2019, the Court considered the Agreed Order to Refer Case to a Special Judge.

After considering the agreement of the parties, the Court hereby and now grants the request for referral of this matter to a Special Judge and makes the following findings and orders:

1. The Court finds the parties have agreed to refer this case to a special judge pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 151 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
2. The Court finds that the parties have agreed that all issues in this case, including all pre-trial matters and final trial, except proceedings seeking enforcement by contempt, will be and are referred to the Special Judge. All issues involving enforcement by contempt of either the referring court's orders or the special judge's orders, remain within the exclusive purview of the referring court for hearing.
3. The Court orders that venue for and locations of all hearings and final trial shall be in Harris County, Texas. The specific location for all hearings and trial in Harris County shall be as agreed by the parties or as ordered by the Special Judge. Pleadings, motions and all other documents required to be filed of record shall be filed with the Harris County District Clerk's office.
4. The Court hereby appoints in this case the Honorable Alicia Franklin York, in Houston, Texas, as Special Judge, who has agreed to hear the case. The Court finds that the parties and the Special Judge have agreed that the Special Judge shall be paid at her customary hourly rate for judicial services for her work in this matter. The cost of the Special Judge shall be paid as set forth in Paragraph 8.
5. The Court finds the Special Judge meets all the qualifications of Section 151.003 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code to serve in that capacity.
6. The Court hereby orders that all proceedings in this case be stayed pending the outcome of the hearings and trial before the Special Judge.
8. The Court finds that the parties have agreed and **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that all costs of the Special Judge, including without limitation the fees charged by

the special judge, the court reporter's fees, and all other costs and fees associated with the use of a Special Judge, shall be allocated as follows:_____.

9. The provisions of Chapter 151 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code apply to this referral if not otherwise addressed in this Order.

SIGNED on _____, 2019.

JUDGE PRESIDING