Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re parentage:

Petitioner/s (*person/s who started this case*):

_____

_____

And Respondents:
(parent / presumed parent / possible genetic parent)

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_____

No. _____

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*(Fill out a separate Declaration for **each child** in this case.)*

I declare:

My name is _____ .

This case involves:

- a challenge to the current legal parents (presumed, acknowledged, or court ordered), OR
- competing claims of parentage between two or more persons.

➢ *Best Interest of the Child*

1. **Child** – This declaration is about (*child's name*): _____ (*age*) _____ .

2. **Type of claim** – *Write the name of each person who has a claim about parentage and check that person's relationship to the child.*

	You	Other Person	Other Person	Other Person
Name (full name)				
Check one box for each party. *These options are based upon the person's claim about parentage from their petition or response form.*				
gave birth to the child	☐	☐	☐	☐
is a possible genetic	☐	☐	☐	☐

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	You	Other Person	Other Person	Other Person
parent				
is a parent by court order (in a parentage, adoption or divorce case)	☐	☐	☐	☐
is a presumed parent	☐	☐	☐	☐
is an acknowledged parent (signed an Acknowledgment of Parentage)	☐	☐	☐	☐
is not a parent (signed a Denial of Parentage)	☐	☐	☐	☐
consented to assisted reproduction with the intent to be a parent	☐	☐	☐	☐
agreed to be a parent under a surrogacy agreement	☐	☐	☐	☐

3. **Length of time in role** – How long has each person acted as (assumed the role of) the child's parent *(use dates, if known)*?

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4. **Nature of relationship** – Describe each person's relationship with the child.

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5. **Harm to child** – What would be the harm (if any) to the child if the relationship between the child and each person is not recognized?

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6. **Other factors** – Describe any other factors arising from the disruption of the relationship between the child and each possible parent or the likelihood of other harm to the child:

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➢ *If parentage is challenged based on genetic testing, also complete 7 and 8:*

7. **Facts surrounding the discovery that the person may not be a genetic parent:**

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8. **How much time passed between finding out the person may not be a possible genetic parent and starting this case:**

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at _____ Date: _____
    city   *state*

▶ _____ _____
Sign here   *Print name here*

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