**Superior Court of Washington, County of**

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| In re parentage:  Petitioner/s *(person/s who started this case)*:      And Respondents:  *(parent / presumed parent / possible genetic parent)* | No.  Declaration about a Child’s Best Interest  (DCLR) |

Declaration about a Child’s Best Interest

*(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 |
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| 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 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)*?

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

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?

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:

* 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:

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

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*