IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_${circuit}\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_${county}\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: FAMILY DIVISION

**\_\_\_\_${petitioner}\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, Case No.:

Petitioner/

and

**\_\_\_\_${respondent}\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**/

Respondent.

**VERIFIED PETITION TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY AND OTHER RELATED RELIEF**

The Petitioner states as follows:

1. **Action:** This is an action to determine paternity, parental responsibility, contact and access, and establish child support, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 742 and pertinent parts of Chapter 61.
2. **Residency:** The Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter. Venue is proper in \_\_${county}\_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida, where at least one of the parents resides.
3. **Paternity**: The parties were never married to each other, but they had a sexual relationship that resulted in the birth of the minor child(ren) subject to these proceedings, to wit:

${table\_paternity}

1. The Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order recognizing the \_\_${father}\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the legal father of the minor child(ren) within a reasonable degree of medical certainty.
2. **Non-Military Status:** The parties are over the age of (18) eighteen and neither is, nor has been, within a 30-day period, immediately prior to the date of this petition, a person in the military service of the United States, as defined by the *Amended Sailors and Soldiers Civil Relief Act of 1940*.
3. **UCCJEA:** Pursuant to Florida Statutes §61.522, the UCCJEA will be filed under separate cover.
4. **Settlement Agreement:** The parties entered into a *Settlement Agreement Determining Parental Responsibility incorporating a Parenting Plan*, resolving all issues relevant to these parties and these proceedings. This Agreement will be filed with the Court so that it can be approved, ratified and incorporated in a final judgment establishing paternity.

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner requests the following relief from this Honorable Court:

1. Taking jurisdiction over the subject matter, the parties, and the minor child(ren);
2. Recognize \_${father}\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as the legal father of the minor child(ren) within a reasonable degree of medical certainty;
3. Determining that Florida is the minor child(ren)’s home state with the most significant contacts, that the United States is the country of habitual residence of the minor child(ren) and that venue is proper in \_\_${county}\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County;
4. Approving and ratifying the parties’ *Settlement Agreement Determining Parental Responsibility* and *Parenting Plan* and incorporating it into the Final Judgment Establishing Paternity, but not merging with it;
5. Granting such other further relief as it may deem equitable and just.

**VERIFICATION**

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the statements made in this *Verified* *Petition to Establish Paternity and Other Related Relief* and, that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement, includes fines and/or imprisonment.

(pet)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Petitioner

Address: ${address\_pet}

Email: ${petitioner\_email}

Phone: ${tel\_pet}

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was electronically filed

and served, in compliance with Rule 2.516(a) and Administrative Order 13-49, through Florida Courts E-filing Portal, and shall be personally served on: Respondent

**(pet)/s/\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Petitioner