

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
**Plaintiff (self-represented)** )  
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 v. )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
**Defendant** )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )

**IN THE FAMILY COURT**  
**JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE**  
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**Date of Hearing:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Presiding Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Plaintiff's Attorney:** *self-represented*  
**Defendant's Attorney:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Court Reporter:** \_\_\_\_\_

A hearing for complete and final divorce was held in this case on the above-referenced date. Present at the hearing were the Plaintiff and the Plaintiff's corroborating witness. The Defendant was  
 was not present and  
 was  
 was not  
 represented by an attorney.

This case is before this Court upon the Complaint of the Plaintiff who is requesting that this Court grant a complete and final divorce from the Defendant upon the ground of One (1) Year Continuous Separation, pursuant to § 20-3-10(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

The original Family Court Cover Sheet, Certificate of Exemption, Summons, and Complaint for Divorce were filed in the Office of the Clerk for \_\_\_\_\_ County on (date) \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_.

A copy of these papers was served upon the Defendant by:

Certified Mail

Personal Service.

Though Defendant was sent a Notice of the Final Hearing, the Defendant filed no **contested** Answer or other response, and an Affidavit for Default was filed by the Plaintiff with this Court. After being duly sworn, Plaintiff stated to the Court that reconciliation of the parties was not possible. The Plaintiff then offered testimony, which substantiated the allegations found in the Complaint, and which was corroborated by the duly-sworn witness.

This Court, after hearing the testimony and considering the other evidence in this case, makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACTS and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Court having held a final hearing now finds the following:

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties
2. That Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, South Carolina; and has lived in this state for more that one (1) year prior to the filing of this action.
3. On information and belief, Defendant is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. That the Defendant received a copy of the Family Court Cover Sheet, Certificate of Exemption, Summons, and Complaint for Divorce by  
Certified Mail Personal Service.  
Personal Service.
5. That Defendant:  
did  
did not  
file an Answer or other responsive pleading.
6. That Defendant:  
is  
is not  
in default.
7. That all the proceedings are regular and all legal requirements as to filing, service and waiting period have been met.
8. That the parties were legally married to each other on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, city of \_\_\_\_\_ in the state of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. That present at the hearing were the Plaintiff and the Plaintiff's corroborating witness.

10. That based on the testimony of the Plaintiff and Plaintiff's corroborating witness, the parties have lived separate and apart from each other for more than one (1) continuous year.
11. There are no issues regarding child custody or visitation, and no children are expected.
12. There are no issues regarding marital property.
13. There are no issues regarding marital debt.
14. The Plaintiff has waived alimony from the Defendant
15. The Defendant is barred from receiving alimony from the Plaintiff.
16. Reconciliation of the parties is not possible.
17. Wife's surname of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ is not restored to her.
18. That there has been no collusion between the parties in bringing this action.
19. That Plaintiff is entitled to a divorce from the Defendant on the ground of One (1) Year Continuous Separation

**WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

- I. That the Plaintiff is hereby granted a complete and final divorce from the Defendant upon the ground of One (1) Year Continuous Separation, pursuant to §20-3-10(5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.**
- II. That both parties are barred from receiving alimony from each other**
- III. That the Plaintiff may resume her former or maiden name of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I further find:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT  
 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, South Carolina