

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_\_\_, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
 )  
 vs. )  
 )  
 \_\_\_\_\_, )  
 )  
 Defendant. )

Civil No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL**

Defendant, \_\_\_\_\_, does hereby voluntarily and knowingly acknowledge that there is a pending divorce action initiated by the above-named plaintiff, whereby the said \_\_\_\_\_ is the defendant. Further, that the plaintiff has been and continues to be represented by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Law Office, and that the defendant has voluntarily and knowingly visited with plaintiff's attorney, with full knowledge and understanding that he/she has the separate and individual right to be represented by separate and individual legal counsel, but that the defendant has entered such discussions and the execution of a Settlement Agreement without legal counsel, but with full and complete knowledge that he/she may at any time have elected to be represented by separate attorney if he/she so desired.

That the defendant was advised by \_\_\_\_\_, legal counsel for the plaintiff, that he/she was representing plaintiff in all negotiations, discussions in the preparation of a Settlement Agreement, and that the defendant was accordingly advised in all respects that at no time was \_\_\_\_\_, Attorney at Law, representing the interest of the defendant in any manner whatsoever.

It is further expressly acknowledged and understood that the defendant, \_\_\_\_\_, has had ample opportunity to review and determine all aspects of the Settlement Agreement and that he/she has had ample opportunity to have separate legal counsel examine the same for him/her if he/she so desired, and that he/she has knowingly and voluntarily elected not to retain legal counsel to represent his/her interest in said divorce action, and does knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly agree to each and every term of the Settlement Agreement. That no attempt whatsoever has been made by any person, including plaintiff and legal counsel for plaintiff, to encourage, induce or otherwise compel the execution of said Settlement Agreement by the defendant, but rather that he/she has voluntarily and knowingly chosen to execute the same with full knowledge of the contents thereof.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA    )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF CASS            )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and state, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me to be the person who is described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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