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◆ This form **MUST BE COMPLETED** and **SIGNED** by the Respondent **AFTER** the Original Petition to Determine Parentage has been stamped by the Clerk's Office with the date and time that it was filed. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

CAUSE NO. _____

[Fill out cause number and heading information EXACTLY as it is written on the Petition]

IN THE INTEREST OF

MINOR CHILDREN:

_____,
_____,

[Print the children's names.]

§
§ IN THE _____ COURT OF
§
§ _____ COUNTY, TEXAS
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WAIVER OF CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF _____ §

[Write in the name of the county where this Waiver of Citation is notarized.]

On this day, _____ appeared before me, the undersigned
[Print the name of the Respondent.]

authority, and after being sworn on oath by me said:

"I, _____,
[Print the name of the Respondent.]

am the Respondent in this suit to Determine Parentage.

"My mailing address is: _____
[Print Respondent's mailing address City State Zip]

"I have been given a copy of the Original Petition to Determine Parentage that was filed under this Cause Number. I have read the Original Petition to Determine Parentage and understand what it says. I do not want a constable, sheriff, or private process server to give me another copy of the Original Petition to Determine Parentage.

"I am entering an appearance by signing this Waiver of Citation, which I understand is a substitute for coming to court and telling the Judge my side of the facts. I also understand that

by signing this Waiver of Citation, I agree that the Judge in the county and state where this suit was filed can make decisions about my children even if this case should have been filed in another county or state.

“I do not want a record to be made of any testimony given in this case.

“I agree that this case may be heard by the Presiding Judge of the Court or by an Associate Judge or Referee of the Court who has been appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Court.

“I agree that the Judge can finalize this suit to Determine Parentage without asking me about my side of the facts, without my signature on the Final Order, and without further notice to me.”

Respondent [SIGN your name IN FRONT OF a Notary Public.]

To be completed by Notary Public:

State of Texas

County of _____

SWORN TO, and SUBSCRIBED before me on [Date] _____.

Signature of Notary Public of the State of Texas