**Custody Agreement**

**This Custody Agreement (“Agreement”)** is made and entered into on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, 20\_\_***, by and between:

**Parent 1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent 2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Collectively referred to as **“the Parents.”**

**1. Purpose**

The primary purpose of this Custody Agreement is to ensure the best interests and well-being of the minor child(ren) by establishing a clear and legally binding framework for custody, visitation, and parental responsibilities following the Parents’ separation or divorce.

**2. Child(ren) Information**

This Agreement concerns the following minor child(ren):

* Child’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Child’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Legal and Physical Custody**

**3.1 Legal Custody**

* The Parents agree that **[choose one: joint / sole to Parent 1 / sole to Parent 2]** legal custody is in the best interest of the child(ren).
* The parent(s) with legal custody shall have authority over major decisions concerning the child(ren)’s **healthcare, education, and religious upbringing.**

**3.2 Physical Custody**

* The Parents agree that **[choose one: joint / sole to Parent 1 / sole to Parent 2]** physical custody is in the best interest of the child(ren).
* The child(ren) shall primarily reside with **Parent [1/2]** at the address listed above, subject to the parenting time schedule outlined in Section 4.

**4. Parenting Time Schedule**

**4.1 Regular Schedule**

* The Parents agree to the following routine:
	+ Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Weekends: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Exchange Time and Location: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.2 Holidays and Vacations**

* Major holidays and school breaks will be divided as follows:
	+ **Holidays:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ **School Breaks/Vacations:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**4.3 Special Events**

* For birthdays, family gatherings, or one-time events, the Parents shall communicate and reach mutual agreement to accommodate the child(ren)’s best interests.

**5. Decision-Making Authority**

* Decisions regarding education, medical care, religious training, and extracurricular activities shall be made by **[jointly / Parent 1 / Parent 2].**
* In the event of a disagreement, the Parents agree to resolve disputes using the process outlined in Section 7 before seeking court intervention.

**6. Child Support and Financial Responsibilities**

* **Child Support:** Parent [1/2] shall pay child support to Parent [1/2] in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per [week/month], beginning on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***, 20***.
* **Additional Expenses:** The Parents shall share responsibility for:
	+ Health insurance and medical costs: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Educational expenses: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Extracurricular activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a disagreement regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this Agreement, the Parents agree to first attempt resolution through **mediation** before filing any court motion.

**8. Relocation and Modification**

**8.1 Relocation**

* If either parent intends to relocate more than \_\_\_\_ miles from their current residence, they must provide written notice to the other parent at least \_\_\_\_ days in advance.
* The relocation must not interfere with the child(ren)’s relationship with the other parent without prior written consent or court approval.

**8.2 Modification**

* This Agreement may be modified at any time by mutual written consent of both Parents or by court order upon a showing of a significant change in circumstances.

**9. Additional Provisions**

The Parents agree to the following additional terms:

* **Communication:** Parents shall maintain respectful communication regarding the child(ren).
* **Transportation:** Each parent shall be responsible for transportation during their parenting time unless otherwise agreed.
* **Access to Records:** Both parents shall have equal access to the child(ren)’s medical, educational, and other important records.
* **Introduction of New Partners:** The Parents agree to handle introductions of new romantic partners to the child(ren) in a respectful and age-appropriate manner.

**10. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**11. Signatures**

**Parent 1 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent 2 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Witness / Notary (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgment**

Both Parents acknowledge that they have read, understood, and voluntarily entered into this Custody Agreement, believing it to be in the best interests of their child(ren).