

<b>SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON</b> <b>COUNTY OF _____</b>	
In Re:	NO:
D.O.B.:	<b>DECREE OF EMANCIPATION (DCE)</b>
Petitioner.	<b>Clerk's Action Required</b>

**I. BASIS**

A hearing on a Petition for Emancipation has been held in this court.

**II. FINDINGS**

The court FINDS that the Petition for Emancipation should be granted and a decree entered because:

- The petitioner has proved the following facts by clear and convincing evidence:
  - (a) the petitioner is 16 years of age or older;
  - (b) the petitioner is a resident of the state;
  - (c) the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her financial affairs; and
  - (d) the petitioner has the ability to manage his or her personal, social, educational, and non-financial affairs.
  
- There is clear and convincing evidence that denial of the grant of emancipation would be detrimental to the interests of the minor. (To be checked only if a parent, guardian, custodian, or the department, opposes the petition for emancipation.)

**III. DECREE**

- 3.1 The petition for emancipation is granted.
  
- 3.2 The petitioner shall obtain a Washington driver's license or a Washington identification card. The Department of Licensing shall make a notation of the emancipated status on the license or identification card.
  
- 3.3 The petitioner shall be considered to have the power and capacity of an adult, except as provided in paragraph 3.4 below. The petitioner shall be considered emancipated for the purposes of, but not limited to:

- (a) The termination of parental obligations of financial support, care, supervision, and any other obligation the parent may have by virtue of the parent-child relationship, including obligations imposed because of marital dissolution;
- (b) The right to sue or be sued in his or her own name;
- (c) The right to retain his or her own earnings;
- (d) The right to establish a separate residence or domicile;
- (e) The right to enter into non-voidable contracts;
- (f) The right to act autonomously, and with the power and capacity of an adult, in all business relationships, including but not limited to property transactions;
- (g) The right to work, and earn a living, subject only to the health and safety regulations designed to protect those under age of majority regardless of their legal status; and
- (h) The right to give informed consent for receiving health care services.

3.4 The petitioner shall not be considered an adult for:

- (a) The purposes of the adult criminal laws of the state unless the decline of jurisdiction procedures contained in RCW 13.40.110 are used;
- (b) The criminal laws of the state when the emancipated minor is a victim and the age of the victim is an element of the offense; or
- (c) Those specific constitutional and statutory age requirements regarding voting, use of alcoholic beverages, and other health and safety regulations relevant to the minor because of the minor's age.

3.5 Other:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE/COMMISSIONER

Presented by:

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Signature

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Type or Print Name