**State of Wisconsin Circuit Court Waukesha County**

**Family Court Division**

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In re the Marriage of:

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 Petitioner/Joint Petitioner A

 -and-

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Case No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Case Code 40601

 Respondent/Joint Petitioner B

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**STATEMENT FROM GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN SUPPORT OF DIVORCE**

**WITHOUT A FINAL HEARING**

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1. I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Wisconsin. I serve as the court-appointed guardian ad litem (GAL) for the parties’ minor child(ren):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (list each child by first name, last name and date of birth).
2. I have completed an investigation and satisfied my responsibilities under Wis. Stat. § 767.407, including an investigation specifically required under § 767.407(4).
3. I read the parties’ Marital Settlement Agreement. I believe that the terms and conditions regarding the minor child(ren), including legal custody and physical placement, are in the best interest of the child(ren), and I ask the Court to approve them and incorporate them into the judgment of divorce. I believe that both parents are fit and proper parents and that the physical placement schedule incorporated in the Marital Settlement Agreement is in the child(ren)’s best interest and is an appropriate and workable arrangement for these parents.
4. I understand that we could have a hearing in person before the Court in order to grant a divorce under Wis. Stat. §§ 767.235 and 767.315. Under the circumstances, I do not believe a hearing is necessary, and I join the parties in asking the Court to waive a final divorce hearing based upon a finding of good cause due to the current public health emergency caused by COVID-19.
5. If the Court grants the parties’ request for a judgment of divorce without a final hearing, I ask that the Court enter an order discharging me from serving as the GAL in this case.

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