IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

In Re: Petition for adoption of a minor child	*	**ADOPTION FILE NUMBER**
Pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 19	*	
of the Office Code of Georgia Annotated	*	_____

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING ALL ADOPTIONS

This Order binds the Petitioner(s) in all adoption actions, their agents, servants, employees and all other persons acting in concert with Petitioner(s).

1.

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 19-8-16(e) the child-placing agency or other independent agent conducting an adoption home investigation pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia shall be reimbursed "... for the full cost of conducting the investigation and preparing its report." This code sections authorizes the court to set an amount for payment different from the dollar limit set in the statute. Accordingly:

2.

Petitioner(s) are hereby directed to reimburse the court appointed child-placing agency or other independent agent conducting an adoption home investigation pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 19 in the amount of $500.00. This Court reserves the right to reduce the amount so ordered should Petitioner(s) demonstrate hardship or otherwise show an inability to afford this charge.

3.

Petitioner(s) are directed to pay all costs relating to the GCIC and FBI/NCIC criminal background check mandated by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 19-8-16(d), unless specifically ordered by the Court to do otherwise.

This Order shall apply to all cases brought pursuant to Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and shall be a standing order unless and until otherwise ordered by this Court. The Clerk of Court is HEREBY ORDERED to enter this Order in the record of each case at its inception (or as soon thereafter as possible), and to contemporaneously provide a copy of same to counsel for Petitioner(s).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of January, 2026.

Shondeana Morris

Honorable Shondeana C. Morris
Chief and Administrative Judge
DeKalb County Superior Court
DeKalb Judicial Circuit