**In the Family Court** **Case No: [*Case number*]**



**sitting at [*Case number*]**

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|  | **Order The Family Law Act 1986, section 55A** |

Before [*name of judge*] in [private] / [public] on [*date*].

**The parties:** The applicant is [*name*] represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 1st respondent is [*name*], the [*relationship to child*], represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 2nd respondent is [*name*], the [*relationship to child*], represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

The 3rd [[and] / [to][*insert* **(number so that each child is identified as a separate respondent)**] respondent[s] [is] / [are] the child[ren] (by their children’s guardian [*name*]) represented by [*name*] [of counsel]

## Recitals

1. The judge read the following witness statement[s][*insert*]and heard oral evidence from [*name(s)*].
2. The court considers that, within the meaning of Family Law Act 1986, section 55A(3) and (4), the applicant has sufficient interest in the determination of this application to justify making the application.
3. The court considers that the jurisdiction requirements set out in Family Law Act 1986, section 55A(2) have been satisfied.
4. The court [has] / [has not] considered it necessary to direct that the papers in the case should be sent to the Attorney-General to allow him to intervene and make representations in the proceedings pursuant to Family Law Act 1986, section 59.
5. Person A is [*insert full name and identifying details such as date of birth and address*].
6. Person B is [*insert full name and identifying details such as date of birth and address*].
7. The following other persons hold parental responsibility for Person B [*insert full names and identifying details of other persons such as date of birth and address or, if it is a local authority holding parental responsibility by virtue of a care order, the name and address*]*.*
8. The following other persons are currently named on the birth certificate as a parent of Person B [i*nsert full names and identifying details of other persons such as date of birth and address or, if it is a local authority holding parental responsibility by virtue of a care order, the name and address*]*.*
9. This declaration is made within [free-standing proceedings for a declaration of parentage] / [other proceedings].

**IT IS DECLARED THAT:**

1. Person A [is] / [was] the parent of Person B.
2. A court officer shall send a copy of this order and a copy of the application leading to this order to the Registrar General for Births and Deaths within 21 days of the declaration being made so that he may consider the re-registration of the birth of Person B under Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953, section 14A.

## Costs

1. The costs of this application are [*specify*].

Dated [*date*]