BEFORE THE ALASKA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS ON REFERRAL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

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In the Matter of:

C.D. and L.C.

OAH No. 23-0039-CSS Agency No. 001223323

DECISION AND ORDER UPON CONSENT OF THE PARTIES

On December 22, 2022, the Child Support Services Division (Division) issued a Modified Administrative Child Support Order increasing C.D.'s monthly support obligation for Child N, the child he shares with custodial parent L.C., from \$175 per month to \$1660 per month effective November 1, 2022. On January 11, 2023, both parties appealed the decision, asserting they had reached a mutual agreement that C.D.'s support obligation should be set at \$500.

A formal hearing was held on January 31, 2023. C.D. and L.C. participated and represented themselves. The Division was represented by Child Support Specialist Mark Phang. The parties explained how they reached their agreement regarding C.D.'s support obligation, which is significantly lower than the amount calculated by the Division. C.D.'s financial situation is challenging, as he is supporting a wife and child and is helping older parents, and his job is very sensitive to the fluctuating needs of the local communities. L.C. is far more financially stable, as her household is supported by two incomes, both hers and her husband's. Additionally, beginning this summer, the parties foresee C.D. slowly building a relationship with Child N such that in the coming years she is comfortable spending longer stretches of time with him.

Having discussed at length the nuances of this support obligation, given the dramatic difference in the amount calculated and the amount agreed upon, it is clear the parties' agreement is fair and thoughtful and should be adopted. The calculation was reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Division, and is deemed appropriate under Civil Rule 90.3 by this tribunal.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

 C.D. is liable for child support in the amount of \$500 per month for one child effective November 1, 2022, and ongoing based on a primary custody calculation. All other terms of the Modified Administrative Child Support Order issued on December 22, 2022, by the Child Support Services Division remain in full force and effect.

Dated: January 31, 2023

By: <u>Signed</u> Name: Danika Swanson Title: Administrative Law Judge

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