**CAUSE NO.**

**IN THE INTEREST OF § IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF**

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**§ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY, TEXAS**

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**­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, A CHILD § \_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ORDER REGARDING**

**SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS FINDINGS**

This Court has jurisdiction over this case pursuant to Texas Family Code, Title 5, Subtitle E, PROTECTION OF THE CHILD.

On this day the Court reviewed the affidavits, reports, documents, testimony and other evidence presented to this Court, as well as the prior findings and orders entered in the Suit Affecting the Parent Child Relationship regarding this child, heard arguments of counsel and made the following findings:

1. **Child in State Foster Care**

The Texas Department of Family & Protective Services (“DFPS”) is the state agency responsible for child protective services in Texas. Texas Human Resources Code §40.002(b)(1). By order of this Court on [**DATE**, 201\_\_, DFPS was named managing conservator of this child, pursuant to Chapter 262 of the Texas Family Code, Procedures In Suit By Governmental Entity to Protect Health and Safety of Child.

Accordingly, this Court finds that this child has been legally committed to, or placed in the custody of DFPS:

Name:

Sex:

Birth place:

Birth date:

1. **Viability of Reunification with One or Both Parents**

Further, this Court finds:

[**SELECT ONE OR BOTH PARAGRAPHS BELOW**]

That reunification of this child with [NAME], mother, is not viable today or within the period of this Court’s jurisdiction due to [SELECT **EACH** GROUND THAT APPLIES TO THIS PARENT —abuse, Tex. Fam. Code § 261.001(1); neglect, Tex. Fam. Code §261.001(4); abandonment, Tex. Fam. Code §161.001(b)]. This finding is based on [INSERT FACTS FOR **EACH** GROUND LISTED AND EXPLAIN **WHY** REUNIFICATION IS NOT POSSIBLE].

That reunification of this child with [NAME], father, is not viable today or within the period of this Court’s jurisdiction due to [SELECT **EACH** GROUND THAT APPLIES TO THIS PARENT —abuse, Tex. Fam. Code § 261.001(1); neglect, Tex. Fam. Code §261.001(4); abandonment, Tex. Fam. Code §161.001(b)]. This finding is based on [INSERT FACTS FOR **EACH** GROUND LISTED AND EXPLAIN **WHY** REUNIFICATION IS NOT POSSIBLE].

[**ADD** DATE/TYPE OF FINAL ORDER FOR **ALL** CASES-*if there is no final order, assess carefully before filing for SIJ order*]

On [DATE] this Court entered an order [granting DFPS/NAME OF PERSON Permanent Managing Conservatorship AND/OR terminating the parental rights] of this child.

**3. Not in Child’s Best Interest to Return**

This Court also finds that it is not in this child’s best interest to return to [COUNTRY], the child’s country of nationality or last habitual residence, consistent with Texas Family Code §263.307(a). This finding is based on [INSERT FACTS, **PARTICULARLY LACK OF PLACEMENT OPTIONS IN HOME COUNTRY**; TIES IN THE COMMUNITY; AS WELL AS ANY SPECIAL NEEDS THE CHILD HAS- EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL -THAT CAN’T BE MET IN THE HOME COUNTRY).

The primary purpose of this Order is to continue to provide protection and to implement a permanency plan.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE