FORMAL DECLARATION OF PATERNITY AND NOTICE OF GUARDIAN

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME — GREETING:

KNOW YE, that I, **Lord Devin: Mallonee "Devin Ian James Mallonee"** , of 15097 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA 95422, as of November 16, 2026, do hereby solemnly declare, affirm, and appoint as follows:

I. RECITALS

WHEREAS the Declarant is the biological father of **Devin Christian James Mallonee** , born on 4-31-2024, at Trinity Health Michigan, White Lake Michigan, to **Emily Rose Jones**("the Child");

WHEREAS the Declarant acknowledges and affirms his paternity of the Child and assumes all parental duties, responsibilities, and obligations attendant thereto, including the duty of support;

WHEREAS the Child is affiliated with the **Devin Mallonee Foundation**, a private interest foundation registered with the **Mendocino Republic Registrar Foundation (MRRF)** and verified on November 15, 2026, under the **Mendocino Republic Persons and Entities Act (MPEA)** , Chapter 700;

WHEREAS the Child is recorded within the Foundation under the reference **mrrf:ucc**, which the Declarant affirms is the internal beneficiary or enrolment designation under which the Child is known to the Foundation;

WHEREAS it is the Declarant's solemn intention to secure the welfare and best interests of the Child by nominating a guardian of the Child's person and estate, and by clarifying the relationship between that guardianship and the Child's affiliation with the Devin Mallonee Foundation;

WHEREAS this Declaration is made with reference to the several legal frameworks set forth in Part V hereof, and is intended to be given effect in any forum in which the welfare of the Child is the paramount consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Declarant declares, affirms, nominates, and appoints as follows:

II. DECLARATION OF PATERNITY

1. The Declarant is the biological father of the Child.

2. The Declarant acknowledges the Child as his lawful issue and assumes full parental responsibility for the Child, including but not limited to the duties of care, protection, maintenance, and support.

3. This Declaration is intended to serve as an acknowledgment of paternity for the purposes of **California Family Code § 7570 et seq.** , which recognises the establishment of parentage by voluntary declaration. The Declarant affirms that, to the extent required by California law, he has acknowledged or established paternity in accordance with **25 U.S.C. § 1903(9)** , which provides that an unwed father is a “parent” under the Indian Child Welfare Act where paternity has been acknowledged or established under state or tribal law.

4. The Declarant affirms that the information contained in this Declaration is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.

III. NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF THE CHILD

5. Pursuant to **California Probate Code § 1500** , the Declarant hereby nominates and appoints **Lord Devin: Mallonee “Devin Ian James Mallonee”** , of 15097 Olympic Dr, Clearlake, CA 95422, as guardian of the person and estate of the Child (“the Child Guardian”), to act in the Child’s best interests in all matters concerning the Child’s welfare, education, health, maintenance, and property.

6. The Child Guardian shall exercise guardianship in accordance with the principle that the welfare of the Child is the paramount consideration, and, where applicable, in harmony with the customs and traditions of the Child’s tribe.

7. In the event that the Child is an “Indian child” within the meaning of **25 U.S.C. § 1903(4)** , the Declarant acknowledges that **California Probate Code § 1500.1** and **25 U.S.C. § 1913** impose additional requirements for the validity of a parental consent to guardianship, including execution in writing at least ten days after birth and recording before a judge with certification that the terms and consequences were fully explained and understood. This Declaration is made in anticipation of compliance with those requirements, and the Declarant consents to the recording and judicial certification contemplated thereby.

8. This nomination is made in the expectation that it will be presented to the appropriate California Superior Court, tribal court, or other court of competent jurisdiction for appointment and for the issuance of **Letters of Guardianship** where required.

IV. THE DEVIN MALLONEE FOUNDATION AND THE DISTINCTION OF ROLES

9. The **Devin Mallonee Foundation** is a private interest foundation registered with the MRRF and verified under the MPEA. Under **Article 701** of the MPEA, such a foundation is a **separate, self-owning legal entity** whose primary purpose is non-commercial and pertains to the management of private wealth for the benefit of persons, families, or specified purposes; it exists independently of its Founder, Council, and Beneficiaries, and its assets constitute a dedicated patrimony distinct from the personal estate of any natural or juridical person.

10. The Child is recorded within the Foundation under the reference **mrrf:ucc**. The Child Guardian shall have regard to the Child's affiliation with the Foundation and shall act in a manner consistent with the Child's best interests in relation to any benefit, interest, or participation the Child may have in or through the Foundation, including any interest arising under the Foundation's **Public Charter** or **Private Regulations**.

11. The Declarant expressly acknowledges that the term **"Guardian"** (also called **"Protector"**) under **Article 705** of the MPEA refers to a person appointed by the Founder of a private interest foundation to exercise supervisory powers over the Foundation Council—approving Council actions, ensuring compliance with the Founder's wishes, and, in extreme circumstances, replacing the Council. That foundation-governance role is **distinct** from the guardianship of the person and estate of a minor child addressed in Part III of this Declaration. Nothing in this Declaration shall be construed as conflating the two roles or as appointing the Child Guardian as the MPEA "Guardian" of the Devin Mallonee Foundation unless a separate instrument expressly so provides.

V. LEGAL BASIS AND AUTHORITIES

A. International Law

12. The Hague Convention of 19 October 1996 on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement and Co-operation in Respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children. Article 1(1)(c) provides that the objects of the Convention include determining the law applicable to parental responsibility. Article 1(2) defines "parental responsibility" to include parental authority, or any analogous relationship of authority

determining the rights, powers, and responsibilities of parents, guardians, or other legal representatives in relation to the person or the property of the child. Article 3 expressly provides that measures referred to in Article 1 may deal in particular with “guardianship, curatorship and analogous institutions.”

13. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Article 7(1) recognises the child’s right to know and be cared for by his or her parents. Article 9(1) protects the child from separation from his or her parents against their will, except when competent authorities determine, subject to judicial review, that such separation is necessary for the best interests of the child. Article 18(1) recognises that both parents have common responsibilities for the upbringing and development of the child.

B. Tribal Law

14. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq. , where applicable. **§ 1903(9)** defines a “parent” to include any biological parent of an Indian child or any Indian person who has lawfully adopted an Indian child, including adoptions under tribal law or custom, but does not include an unwed father where paternity has not been acknowledged or established. **§ 1903(4)** defines an “Indian child” as any unmarried person under eighteen who is either a member of an Indian tribe or is eligible for membership and is the biological child of a member. **§ 1911(a)** vests tribal courts with exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings involving an Indian child who resides or is domiciled within the reservation. Guardianship proceedings are within the scope of ICWA, and tribal court decrees are entitled to full faith and credit.

15. Applicable Tribal Code or Customary Law. Many tribal codes expressly provide for the establishment of paternity and the appointment of guardians in accordance with tribal culture, tradition, and custom. The Declarant affirms that this Declaration is made in harmony with such tribal principles and is intended to be presented to the appropriate tribal court for recognition or confirmation where required.

C. California Law

16. California Family Code § 7570 et seq. provides for the establishment of parentage by voluntary declaration. The Legislature has declared a compelling state interest in establishing paternity for all children, and a voluntary declaration entitles the signatory to presumed parent status.

17. California Probate Code § 1500 permits a parent to nominate a guardian of the person or estate, or both, of a minor child where the other parent nominates or consents in writing to the same guardian, or where the other parent is dead or lacks legal capacity to consent, or where the consent of the other parent would not be required for an adoption. **§ 1500.1** imposes additional requirements where the child is an Indian child, as described in paragraph 7 above. **§ 1502** governs the circumstances in which a nomination is effective.

D. House of Lords Authority

18. J v C (C (J M) (An Infant), In re) [1970] AC 668; [1969] UKHL 4; [1969] 2 WLR 540; [1969] 1 All ER 788 (House of Lords). The House of Lords held that in any dispute concerning the custody or upbringing of a child, "the welfare of the child was the paramount consideration," and that the rights and wishes of parents must be assessed and weighed in their bearing on the welfare of the child in conjunction with all other relevant factors. The principle remains a foundational statement of the welfare principle in common law jurisdictions.

19. In re Thain [1926] Ch. 676 (Court of Appeal). This decision confirms that the welfare of the child is "the first and paramount consideration" in questions concerning custody and upbringing, while recognising that parental rights are not thereby entirely superseded. The case has been consistently cited in subsequent House of Lords and appellate authority.

VI. SOLEMN DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION

20. I, **Lord Devin: Mallonee "Devin Ian James Mallonee"** , do solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing recitals and declarations are true in substance and in fact, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true.

21. I understand that this Declaration may be relied upon in judicial, administrative, or tribal proceedings, and that a false statement herein may expose me to penalties for perjury or equivalent sanctions under applicable law.

VII. EXECUTION AND ATTESTATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my signature on this **__16__** day of **__November___** , **2026**.

SIGNED AND DELIVERED by the above-named Declarant:

Lord Devin: Mallonee "Devin Ian James Mallonee"

in the presence of:

VIII. NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Tribal Nations

On this **__16__** day of **__November__** , **2026**, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared **Lord Devin: Mallonee "Devin Ian James Mallonee"** , known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

My commission expires: ____NEVER_____

IX. SCHEDULE OF DEFINED TERMS

"mrrf:ucc" — the internal beneficiary or enrolment reference under which Olivia Rose Mallonee is recorded in the records of the Devin Mallonee Foundation. This reference is confidential to the Foundation and is disclosed here solely for the purpose of identifying the Child's affiliation.

"Child Guardian" — the guardian of the person and estate of Olivia Rose Mallonee appointed under Part III of this Declaration, whose role is governed by California guardianship law, tribal law (where applicable), and the welfare principle.

"MPEA Guardian / Protector" — the supervisory role over a private interest foundation's Council under Article 705 of the Mendocino Republic Persons and Entities Act, which is distinct from the Child Guardian role and is not conferred by this Declaration unless expressly stated in a separate instrument.