IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

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(Type or Print Petitioner's Name) Petitioner,	)	
vs.	)	Gen. No. _____
_____	)	
(Type or Print Respondent's Name) Respondent.	)	

JOINT AFFIDAVIT REGARDING SEPARATION OF THE PARTIES,
DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND WAIVER OF BIFURCATED HEARING

NOW COME _____ Petitioner, and _____
(Type or Print Petitioner's Name) *(Type or Print Respondent's Name)*

Respondent, and being first sworn on their oaths, depose and state as follows:

1. That irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage.

2. That all efforts at reconciliation of the differences between the parties have heretofore failed and future attempts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interest of the parties.

3. That the parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period of more than six (6) months prior to the date of this affidavit, having separated on or about _____ *(mmddyyyy)*, and having remained living separate for all times thereafter.

4. a. That each of the parties expressly waives the requirement of the continuous period of living separate and apart in excess of two (2) years in order for the Court to enter a Dissolution of Marriage based upon irreconcilable differences which have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage; and,

   b. Each of the parties further stipulates that the requirement shall be reduced to a period only in excess of six (6) months rather than in excess of two (2) years as provided by Section 401(a) (2) of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

5. That the marital property belonging to the parties has been divided according to the terms of the written agreement of the parties filed with the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in this cause, and that the parties have executed all documents required to carry out the agreement.

6. That the parties waive any right either may have to a bifurcated hearing in this cause.

7. Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certify that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

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(Petitioner's Signature) Petitioner	(Respondent's Signature) Respondent