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In re the Marriage of:)	
)	NO. 98-3-00338-7 KNT
REBECCA KOSAGE,)	
)	DECLARATION OF
Petitioner,)	REBECCA KOSAGE
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and)	
)	
WILLIAM DEAN KOSAGE,)	
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Respondent.)	
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REBECCA KOSAGE, on oath, certifies and declares as follows:

1. I am the Petitioner/Wife in the above-captioned matter. I have personal knowledge of the following facts and I am competent to testify.
2. This case is in a state of meltdown requiring immediate intervention by the Court. The Respondent and I have been married for about four years. We have one child, Teagan, who is 15 months old.
3. I filed for Legal Separation following a weekend of extreme abuse and threats from Dean (see my initial Declaration). Dean moved out voluntarily and signed agreed support orders so as to avoid a hearing. We also agreed on a Temporary Parenting Plan, which was entered March 5, 1998. Since then, Dean has shown no respect for court orders and has continued to "push the limit" in harassing me, insulting me, and using our child and our Amway business as opportunities to exercise control over me.

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4. Monday night (3/30) things finally came to a head. Dean convinced me to allow him a make-up visit with Teagan starting at 7 p.m. He showed up to get her, then asked if he could come into the house to get a few things. According to the court order, his deadline to clear out any of his possessions was February 28, and had passed. He had been continuing to ask for things, and once he's inside the house, he almost always gets abusive. This time, I told him no, and would not let him in. He proceeded to stand outside in the cold for 45 minutes with our daughter in his arms (she had been fighting a cold and shouldn't have been exposed like this), kicking the door, banging on windows, trying to get me to let him in. Instead of letting him in the house, I did get him what he asked for, hoping he would leave. Each time I came out, he wanted something else. The steamer, the VCR, videotapes . . . there was always one more thing. He was out of control and my mother and I were terrified.

5. Finally, he went to his car. Because of his aggressive behavior, I feared for Teagan's safety if he were to drive away in a state of uncontrolled anger. She had already been out in the cold with him for 45 minutes, and had not been feeling well. I went out and stood by the car, and began to reach in when Teagan put up her arms for me. I saw that Dean was on the phone and realized he was talking to the police.

6. Dean shoved (practically threw) Teagan to the other side of the car, away from me, and at that point, I grabbed the phone so I could speak to the dispatcher myself. I told her that I needed help. She told me to go back in the house. (I don't know what Dead had said to her.) At that point, my mother was behind me. Just before I could get

1 ahold of Teagan, Dean pushed me away through the open car window. He threw open
2 the car door, knocking me back further. My mother went to reach for her (Teagan was
3 crying by now), but by then I had run around to the other side of the car to get her.
4 Dean jumped out of the car and kicked my mother in the stomach (karate style) with so
5 much force that she was flattened on her back and had the wind knocked out of her. She
6 was lying on the ground in a fetal position when Dean began to back the car up. He
7 almost hit her. He stopped in the middle of the road and threw a bottle at her, hitting her
8 in the head. Then he got out of the car, came up to her, called her a "fat bitch" and a "f-
9 -king cunt," and slapped her across the head. He unzipped his pants and told her she
10 could "suck on this, you f--king cunt."

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13 7. The police did come, but not in time to witness the assaults on me, my mother
14 and Teagan. Even though my mother had marks from Dean's assault, and we were
15 visibly shaken, Dean appeared calm and smooth-talked his way through their questions so
16 successfully that they arrested *me* for the "assault" of grabbing Dean's phone to ask the
17 police for help! I never even came into contact with Dean directly. He somehow
18 convinced them that we were *detaining* him when the exact opposite was true: We
19 wanted him to *leave*. The police sergeant at the station told me that my version of events
20 matched my mother's version, even though my mother and I had not spoken to each other
21 before we were interviewed. Dean's report was altogether different, and because of that,
22 I spent the night in jail.
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24 8. Ever since our agreed orders were entered, things have been building. Dean
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1 continually violates and abuses the provisions of the orders. He believes he can do
2 whatever he wants without consequence. He lives his life talking his way out of
3 everthing, and he has lied to everyone about the events between us. He has asked me to
4 lie to his business associates so that he can continue to speak in seminars. (Amway puts
5 high priority on family values and if they knew the reality of our separation situation,
6 Dean would not be allowed to represent them.)

8 9. For example, although the order provides for just two voice mail messages per
9 day from Dean relating to Teagan only, he has left at least five messages a day. In these
10 messages he'll tell me the reason he's violent is because I'm so cold. Or he'll tell me
11 how sick I am, that it's my problem, and that I should go into therapy.

13 10. The order allows him to call for business-related purposes only, but he has
14 called 8-10 times a day "with a business question," only to rail into me about personal
15 matters, heaping insults and abuse as long as he can get away with it. If I tell him I'm
16 going to hang up on him, he says, "You'll be in contempt of court if you do." If I do
17 hang up, he calls back immediately. He has told me that "if you fight me, I'll get custody
18 of Teagan beyond a shadow of a doubt." He says everyone he works with agrees with
19 him (they don't).

21 11. On Sunday, March 22, Dean was returning Teagan after a 7-9 p.m. visit. As
22 he left, he told me he'd bring her back "if I choose to" and told me I was an unfit mother.
23 I truly believe he may take her for a visit and not return with her.

24 12. He did return that night, and then asked to come inside to play with her for a
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1 while. In order to avoid another fight, I told him he could get her settled down for the
2 night. He took Teagan around, showing her pictures, telling her he'd built this house by
3 himself (we rent), and that "No matter what, I'm the head of this household and she
4 [Mommy] will follow me or else!" He called me a "fucking bitch" to my daughter.
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6 13. Then he unzipped his pants, grabbed himself and told me, "Suck this!"

7 14. I asked him to leave. He told me, "This is my fucking house, and I don't
8 have to!" When I reminded him of the orders, he told me I could go to hell. He tried to
9 tell me that my attorney thought I needed to get some help.

10 15. Finally, I called 9-1-1 to ask the police to get him to leave. As I was
11 explaining the situation to them, he hung up the phone. They called me back, and I
12 talked a little longer, then Dean flipped me off, slammed the door and headed for his car.
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14 16. A few minutes later I heard a crash against the door. Dean had thrown the
15 car seat against it.

16 17. Two police officers arrived after Dean left, and told me I didn't have anything
17 protecting me from him coming to the house again. I am asking the court to enter an
18 order restraining Dean from having any contact with me whatsoever. Because he has
19 shown so little regard for Teagan's well-being, he should be restrained from visits until
20 the hearing on April 20, and then only supervised visits with exchanges at a neutral place.
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22 18. Dean has used the business as well as my daughter as excuses for access to
23 me, only so he can continue to insult and harass me. Our business, Kosage Enterprises,
24 is an Amway distributorship. For five years, I have run the office, taking care of the
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1 shipping and receiving, taxes, finances, etc. Dean's part of the business is to travel from
2 city to city, attending seminars and the like. Each week I print out a report showing all
3 the statistics for the week (sales orders, payments, etc.) and during our separation, I have
4 been leaving this in our mailbox. Dean will usually pick it up within a few days. This is
5 all the contact he needs from me, only now, I will mail it to his address to avoid any
6 contact with him whatsoever.
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8 19. I am asking the court to restrain Dean from having any contact with me
9 whatsoever until the hearing, and then to determine what visitation, if any, is appropriate
10 pending a full evaluation by the University of Washington PETP program. Dean should
11 be restrained from having any contact with me, and the business operation should be left
12 in my care. I will mail him our weekly reports, which is all the information he needs to
13 carry on his part of the business. We already have agreed orders as to the monthly
14 income we should each derive from our joint business.
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16 20. Dean's anger is putting Teagan at risk on several fronts. He thinks he's
17 above the law. He is belligerent about "his rights" while showing total disregard for her
18 well-being. He treats her like a piece of property to manipulate for his own purposes,
19 especially to gain access to me. He constantly demeans me regardless of Teagan's
20 presence. Although he is in a domestic violence treatment program at Northwest Family
21 Life (which he thinks is just "marriage counseling"), he denies having any problem with
22 anger, control or violence (he has a BIG problem with all three). He embraces Amway's
23 view that the man is to be the unquestioned head of the household. He has to win every contest.
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I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 4/1/98

Rebecca Kosage
REBECCA KOSAGE

Place of Signing: Renton, Washington
(City and State)

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