IN THE MONTANA	JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT	
	COUNTY	
IN RE MARRIAGE OF: )	Cause No.:	
Petitioner,	Dept. No:	
and )	Judge:	
Respondent.	FAMILY LAW ORDER (FLO) FOR DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS PAYABLE BY THE MONTANA TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (TRS)	
("Participant") who elected a Joint a	ted only on the account of a RETIRED TRS MEMBER and Survivor Annuity Retirement Benefit (OPTION A, B, uitant IS ALSO the Alternate Payee under this FLO.	
	Decree and Dissolution of Marriage in the above-captioned	

As authorized by §19-20-305, MCA, this Family Law Order (FLO) requires the Montana

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to direct payment of a portion of a retirement benefit or refund of

accumulated contributions, otherwise payable to the Participant, to the Alternate Payee. This FLO is

issued, pursuant to Title 40, MCA, as a disposition of marital property.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

# 1. THE PARTIES

A. Participant:		is a retired	TRS member who retired			
benefit under Option	(A, B, C, D, or E).	Participant's designated j	oint annuitant under his/her			
optional benefit election is	also the Alternate Payo	ee under this FLO.				
Participant's full legal	name, address, social s	ecurity number, phone nu	mber, and birth date are:			
Name:						
Address:						
SSN:						
Phone number:						
Birth Date:						
B. Alternate Payee: _		is t	ne ex-spouse of the			
Participant and is entitled t	to a portion of the Parti	cipant's retirement benefit	as a disposition of marital			
property.						
Alternate Payee's full le	egal name, address, soc	ial security number, phone	number, and birth date are:			
Name:						
Address:						
SSN:						
Phone number:						
Birth Date:						

## 2. ALTERNATE PAYEE'S RIGHT TO DISTRIBUTION

A. Distribution Amount. TRS shall distribute to the Alternate Payee a portion of each monthly					
benefit payment that is otherwise payable to the Participant. The portion of the monthly benefit to be					
distributed to the Alternate Payee will be (mark/complete only one i or ii):					
i A percentage share of the monthly benefit payable to the Participant, including a					
proportionate share of any guaranteed annual benefit adjustment applied to the benefit.					
The percentage share of the monthly benefit amount to be distributed to the Alternate					
Payee is%;					
OR					
ii A fixed amount of \$ per month, not to exceed 100% of the monthly					
benefit amount payable to the Participant on the date of TRS's approval of this FLO.					

- **B.** No Modification of Retirement Elections. The Participant's original election of a retirement benefit option and designation of a joint annuitant made at the time of retirement may not be and are not modified by this FLO.
- **D.** Effect of Rights of Other Alternate Payees. TRS will give effect to the FLO rights of two or more alternate payees on the account of Participant in order of priority based on the date on which each FLO became effective with TRS. The requirement for any distribution to the Alternate Payee under this FLO is subject to reduction, including that no amount may be distributed to the Alternate Payee under this FLO, due to the prior right of any other Alternate Payee(s).

### 3. <u>DURATION OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ALTERNATE PAYEE</u>

- **A. Beginning Date of Distribution.** The requirement for a distribution to the Alternate Payee will be effective on the effective date of this FLO determined as set forth in section 5. Benefits to the Participant are actually paid, and distributions to the Alternate Payee will be made, on the last business day of each month.
- **B.** Duration and Termination of Distributions Under FLO. The distribution payable to the Alternate Payee under this FLO shall be payable only for the shorter of the lifetime of the Participant or

the lifetime of the Alternate Payee. Upon the death of either the Participant or the Alternate Payee, this FLO will cease to have or be of any further force or effect.

- C. Distribution of Benefits Following Death of Participant or Alternate Payee. If the Participant predeceases the Alternate Payee, following the death of the Participant the Alternate Payee will receive the benefits he/she is entitled to receive as the Participant's joint annuitant. If the Alternate Payee predeceases the Participant, the distribution payable to the Alternate Payee under this FLO shall terminate and shall revert to the Participant.
- D. No Distribution Required to Alternate Payee for Any Period Prior to Effective Date. This FLO does not require, and TRS will not make, any distribution to the Alternate Payee for any period of time prior to the effective date of this FLO, as determined by TRS.
- E. Adjustment, Suspension or Termination of Benefits. If the benefits payable to the Participant are adjusted, suspended, or terminated by TRS for any reason, the distribution required to be made to the Alternate Payee under this FLO will also be adjusted, suspended, or terminated, as appropriate. If benefits are suspended, at the time benefits are reinstated the amount payable to the Alternate Payee will again be determined in conformity with this FLO.

#### 4. NO TRANSFER OF ALTERNATE PAYEE DISTRIBUTION ALLOWED

The distribution payable to the Alternate Payee under this FLO may <u>not</u> be devised, bequeathed, assigned or otherwise transferred by the Alternate Payee.

#### 5. APPROVAL BY TRS / EFFECTIVE DATE OF FLO / FUTURE AMENDMENTS

**A.** Approval by TRS. One of the parties must provide TRS with a certified copy of this FLO and TRS must approve the FLO for content before the FLO is effective. In the event TRS finds this FLO does not meet all requirements to be given effect, TRS shall provide a statement of the deficiencies to the parties to the FLO. Upon TRS's identification of any deficiency, it is the obligation of the parties to ensure that a FLO that meets all TRS requirements is submitted to and entered by this Court, and then submitted to TRS. This Court retains jurisdiction to make any modifications necessary to ensure that the distribution of benefits required under this FLO is in compliance with all TRS requirements.

- **B.** Effective Date of FLO. This FLO will be effective the first day of the month following receipt and approval by TRS.
- **C. Future Amendments.** Except as provided in (D), this FLO may be revoked or modified only by a subsequent order of this Court. This Court retains jurisdiction to make such modifications or a revocation.
- **D. Voluntary Renunciation by Alternate Payee.** The Alternate Payee may, prior to receiving any distribution under this FLO, renounce the Alternate Payee's right to receive any distribution under this FLO by making a voluntary, written renunciation, with notarization, and filing the renunciation with this Court. A renunciation must be made on a form provided by TRS and must constitute a full renunciation of all right and interest of the Alternate Payee to any distribution under this FLO; a renunciation may not otherwise modify or amend the terms of this FLO. A renunciation will not modify or amend the benefit election or designation of a joint annuitant made by the Participant at the time of retirement. A certified copy of the renunciation filed with this Court must be submitted to TRS.

## 6. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION</u>

TRS may receive from and disclose to either or both the Participant and the Alternate Payee any information necessary and appropriate to give effect to this FLO.

#### 7. REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE CONTACT / BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

The Alternate Payee will have the responsibility to maintain the Alternate Payee's current contact information with TRS.

#### 8. CONSTRUCTION IN CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE LAW

This FLO is intended to provide for a distribution of benefits to the Alternate Payee in conformity with all applicable laws, rules, and policies pertaining to the provision of benefits by TRS. It is not intended to provide additional rights or benefits to any party beyond those rights or benefits provided by TRS law. This FLO will be construed by TRS in such a manner as gives effect to all applicable statutes, rules, and policies, whether expressly referenced herein or not.

SO ORDE	ERED this	day of	, 20	<u></u> .
		DISTRICT COURT.	JUDGE	
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