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Linda Myhre Enlow
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Superior Court of Washington, County of Thurston

In re:

Petitioner/s (person/s who started this case):

Hans Stoker

And Respondent/s (other party/parties):

Selena Smith

No. 21-4-00443-34

Declaration of

(name): Ryan McGarvey

(DCLR)

Declaration of (name): _____

1. I am (age): 29 years old and I am the (check one): Petitioner Respondent

Other (relationship to the people in this case): Neighbor

2. I declare: Selena Smith is a fiercely loyal, responsible, and dependable guardian for her three daughters, Hazel Smith, Onawa Smith, and Raven Smith-Wells. I have witnessed Selena's continuous care keeping the children clean, fed, and happy, enriching their lives with educational and recreational opportunities. The children are fed a balanced diet from numerous sources - if the kitchens at laurelhurst park or at the mennonite church are not serving a nutritious meal, Selena will cook something to ensure the kids are getting their vegetables. While Onawa and Raven are too young for this, I have seen Selena working through math and reading problems with Hazel to prepare her for her future. The children are provided for by their mother, supported by strong community ties who are willing to help with clothes, diapers, and whatever essential needs the kids may have. I have been to Onawa's birthday party, where Selena

got a cake, several gifts, and brought community members together to celebrate and uplift Onawa. The children are always kept clean and safe, and their mother is very mindful of keeping them away from any environments that may pose a threat to them.


While there are housed community members with childcare experience that Selena can call upon to babysit the kids, she rarely takes a day off, spending all her time caring for and nourishing her family. The kids have plenty of toys - spending just one evening with them recently I found them drawing, swimming in an inflatable kiddie pool, helping mix ingredients to bake a cake, blowing bubbles, and watching Finding Nemo. They love their mother, and often refuse to sleep unless they know she is nearby.

Selena is a constant presence in their life, and it would damage and disrupt the children's development to be removed from her care.

(Number any pages you attach to this Declaration. Page limits may apply.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (and any attachments) are true. I have attached (number): ___ pages.

Signed at (city and state): Portland, Oregon Date: 6-1-20


Sign here

Ryan McGarvey
Print name

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