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**Superior Court of Washington
County of Kitsap**

9 **In Re:**

10 **Adelline Marylynn Feulner**

No. 23-2-01534-18

Declaration of Lenard Feulner

(Optional Use)
(DCLR)

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14 I am writing this declaration in support of my daughter Adeline's Petition for
15 Emancipation. I received a call from Adeline on the evening of July 20, 2023. She told me
16 that her mom had tricked her into going to the hospital and having her drug tested. Adeline
17 lost any trust she had in her mom and refused to leave with her. She asked me to come
18 and pick her up. Adeline read me the messages her mother sent to her. I figured that her
19 mother either couldn't or didn't want to deal with Adeline any longer. The next day I took
20 Adeline to get her belongings from her mother. When we arrived all the vehicles were
21 removed and the only thing there was a tote with Adeline's clothing in it.
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23 I talked to the clerk at the courthouse regarding what action I should take if
24 Adeline's mother didn't want to care for her any longer. We explained that Adeline's

1 mother had left and we didn't know where to find her. The clerk suggested that we file a
2 restraining order, so that is what we did. I took the order to the Thurston County Sheriff's
3 Office, and they served the order. Adeline and I showed up at the hearing, I wasn't even
4 sure if Heather would be there after the messages she had sent to Adeline. Heather was
5 overly dramatic after the court made a ruling. I was told by the security people (I am
6 unsure if they were sheriffs) to wait where I was. So, while Heather was acting ridiculous,
7 and Adeline was crying I was stuck just standing where I had been told to stand.
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9 I was told that we would be going back into the courthouse. At the second hearing
10 the judge ordered that Adeline remain in my care and that we would have a further hearing
11 on September 1, 2023. I was relieved that I would not have to send Adeline with her
12 mother, especially given her behavior in the courthouse.

13 In 2008 I tried to get a parenting plan that granted me regular visitation. Heather
14 made a lot of allegations including trying to say that I molested our daughter. The
15 allegations, including the molestation allegation were unfounded. Heather repeats lies to
16 herself enough times that it eventually becomes her truth. She repeats the lies to anyone
17 that will listen. It comes down to Heather's need to control things, control of the narrative,
18 control of people. Ultimately, I stopped pursuing the parenting plan and agreed to any
19 visitation that Heather would allow. I have maintained regular contact which increased as
20 Adeline got older.
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22 I was staying in an RV on my mother's property. I have moved into a tent on my
23 mother's property to allow Adeline the opportunity to live in the RV. The RV has power
24 and water hook up (though she tends to go to her grandmother's house to use the

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facilities). She has air conditioning and heat for the winter. Adeline can stay at her grandmother's house and or the RV for as long as she wants. Adeline is more than capable of taking care of herself and being in charge of the direction her life is taking. Adeline plans to go back to the New Market School to complete her high school diploma and I am encouraging her to do that.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Bremerton, WA on August 28, 2023



Lenard Feulner

Signature of Declarant