

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT  
DECREE FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
**(Children)**  
**(Service by Publication)**

**HEADING**

- Enter the name of the county where you are filing the Complaint.
- Enter your first, middle, and last names. You are the plaintiff.
- Enter your spouse's first, middle, and last names. Your spouse is the defendant.
- The clerk of the district court will give you a case number when you file the Complaint. You must include the case number on any papers you file.

**BODY OF DECREE**

In the first paragraph enter the date of your final court hearing. This paragraph does not have a number.

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers on the Decree.

- Paragraph 1. Enter the name of the county where the divorce was filed. Either you or your spouse must have been a resident of this county at the time the divorce was filed.
- Paragraph 4. Enter the date you were married and the city and state where you were married. Enter the number of children born to you and your spouse, then enter each child's complete name and the child's year of birth.
- Paragraph 9. If you are requesting that your former name be restored, enter the complete former name to be restored including first, middle, and last names. If you are not requesting that your former name be restored to you, cross out this paragraph.
- Paragraph 14. If you are requesting that your former name be restored, enter the complete former name to be restored including first, middle, and last names. If you are not requesting that your former name be restored to you, cross out this paragraph.

**FINAL SIGNATURE**

If the court approves the Decree, the judge will date and sign the Decree.

***The Decree must be filed with the clerk of the court before the divorce can be finalized.***  
You should check with the clerk's office after the final hearing to update or provide any information necessary, including information for the vital statistics form.