**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER**

This Motion for Appointment of Interpreter is brought by (Name), Petitioner/Respondent, who shows in support:

1. This case is set for a hearing on (date) at (time). (Brief background on case/proceeding).
2. (Name) is a party in this proceeding. He/She has limited English proficiency and needs an interpreter for effective communication and to achieve meaningful access to and participation in this proceeding. His/Her preferred language is (language) and he/she requests that the court appoint a qualified (language) interpreter pursuant to Texas Gov. Code § 57.002(a).
3. Section 57.002(a) states that a court shall provide an interpreter upon the motion of a party or the request of a witness. Typically the law requires the court to appoint a licensed interpreter subject to the exceptions described in § 57.002 (b-1 – d-1). Even if an unlicensed interpreter is appointed under one of the exceptions, the unlicensed interpreter must be over 18 and may not be a party to the proceeding. The court must also qualify any unlicensed interpreter as an expert under the Texas Rules of Evidence. Tex. Gov. Code § 57.002(e).
4. (Name) filed a Statement of Inability to afford Payment of Court Costs pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 145 on (date). No one challenged the Statement and (Name’s) filing fee and other court costs were waived.
5. (Name) is represented by an attorney who is providing free legal services, without contingency, because (Name) qualifies for these services due to his/her low income. The attorney is providing services through a program funded by the Texas Access to Justice Foundation / a program funded by the Legal Services Corporation / a nonprofit that provides civil legal services to persons living at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
6. (Name) receives benefits from a government entitlement program, eligibility for which is dependent on the recipient’s means.
7. (Name) does not have funds to afford payment of interpreter costs.
8. Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 145 prohibits the Court from charging costs, including fees for court-appointed professionals, to (Name) because of his/her inability to afford them. *See* Tex. R. Civ. P. 145(c).
9. (Name) prays that the Court grant his/her Motion for Appointment of Interpreter pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code § 57.002 and order that the cost of the interpreter shall not be taxed to (Name) pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 145.
10. If the Court will not waive the interpreter costs, (Name) prays that the Court will set an oral evidentiary hearing as required by Tex. R. Civ. P. 145(f)(5).

Dated:

**ORDER ON MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF INTERPRETER**

This Court, having considered Petitioner/Respondent (Name)’s Motion for Appointment of Interpreter, hereby GRANTS the motion in its entirety.

This Court ORDERS that a (licensed/qualified) (language) interpreter shall be appointed to interpret for (Name) during his/her (date) hearing and all court or court-ordered proceedings in this case thereafter. Pursuant to Tex. R. Civ. P. 145, the cost for the interpreter’s services shall not be taxed against (Name).

SIGNED AND ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 .

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PRESIDING JUDGE