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STANDING ORDER DESIGNATING SAFE SHELTER AS TPO ADVOCATE

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 19-13-3 (d), a family violence shelter or social service agency staff member designated by the court may explain to all victims not represented by counsel the procedures for filling out and filing all forms and pleadings necessary for the presentation of their petition to the court for relief from family violence. Further, the clerk of the court may provide forms for petitions and pleadings to any person designated by the superior court as authorized to advise victims on filling out and filing such petitions and pleadings.

This Court finds that SAFE Shelter Center for Domestic Violence Services ("Safe Shelter") is a local family violence shelter which provides temporary housing for adults and children who are victims of domestic violence as well as support and advocacy services.

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that SAFE Shelter is designated by this Court to explain to family violence victims (not represented by counsel) the procedures for filling out and filing all forms and pleadings necessary to petition for relief from family violence as provided by O.C.G.A. § 19-13-1 *et seq*. In accordance with O.C.G.A § 19-13-3 (d), any assistance provided by SAFE Shelter pursuant to this Code section shall be performed without cost to the petitioners. Furthermore, performance of such assistance shall not constitute the practice of law as defined in O.C.G.A § 15-19-51.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of October, 2023.

PENNY HAAS FREESEMANN,

CHIEF JUDGE

TIMOTHY R. WALMSLEY, JUDGE

BENJAMIN W. KAKPF, JUDGE

VIRE COLBERT, JUDGE

TAMMY STOKES, JUDGE