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By Order of the Court, Judge **TERESA KIM-TENORIO**

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4 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT**
5 **FOR THE**
6 **COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

6 **VILMA MARITO VIDAL,**)

FCD-DI Civil Action No. 92-1537

7 Plaintiff,)

8 vs.)

ORDER SEALING RECORDS

9 **SIDNEY GESTUR STEPHANSON,**)

10 Defendant.)

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13 This matter came before the Court for a Status Conference on February 7, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.,
14 in Courtroom 217A, at the Superior Court, Guma’ Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the
15 Northern Marianas Islands. Neither party appeared. Defendant’s attorney, Mark A. Scoggins,
16 appeared at the request of parties’ daughter, Resa Vidal Stephenson (“Resa”). Through counsel, Resa
17 requested that records in this matter be sealed.

18 The Court resolved the parties’ divorce by issuing a Decision and Order Granting Annulment
19 (“Decision”).¹ The Decision details the parties’ infidelities as well as sexual contact between Plaintiff
20 and Resa. As a result of the case’s open nature and online publication, Resa suffers embarrassment
21 and shame whenever her name is input into a search engine. As the Decision is almost 30 years old
22 and offers little precedential value, the Court orders the matter sealed. The Court further orders that

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26 ¹ See Decision and Order Granting Annulment, 94-12-19-CV92-1537, <https://www.cnmilaw.org/pdf/superior/94-12-19-CV92-1537.pdf>

1 the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission remove the Decision from its website so that it may
2 no longer be accessed by search engine.

3 **SO ORDERED** on the date set forth above in the year **2024**.

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8 **TERESA K. KIM-TENORIO**
9 Associate Judge
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