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| STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA | ) | IN THE FAMILY COURT  |
|  | ) |        JUDICIAL CIRCUIT |
| COUNTY OF      | ) |  |
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|       | ) | **CIVIL CONTEMPT ORDER** |
| Plaintiff, | ) | (Non-Support) |
| vs. | ) |  |
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|       | ) |  |
| Defendant. | ) | Docket No.       |

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| Plaintiff Attorney:       | Hearing Date:       |
| Defendant Attorney:       | Judge:       |
| Guardian ad Litem:       | Court Reporter:       |

Pursuant to a Rule to Show Cause/Bench Warrant, this matter was heard on the date shown above. Plaintiff [ ] did/[ ] did not appear. Defendant did/did not appear. The Court finds that the Defendant owes a support arrearage of $       as of the hearing date. The Defendant’s failure to pay support [ ] was/[ ] was not willful, and that Defendant [ ] had/[ ] did not have the ability to pay support. The conclusions are based on the following facts:

Therefore, the Court finds:

[ ]  Defendant is not in civil contempt of this court.

[ ]  Defendant is in civil contempt of court, and Order the Defendant be confined to the County Detention Center for a period of      . Defendant may purge himself/herself of contempt and be released from confinement by:

[ ]  Payment of expenses related to this proceeding of $     to the      County Clerk of Court.

[ ]  Payment of $       to the      County Clerk of Court to apply against arrearages.

[ ]       .

[ ]  Confinement shall commence immediately.

[ ]  Confinement shall commence at       [ ] a.m. [ ] p.m. on      , when Defendant shall report to      unless he/she has earlier purged himself/herself of contempt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

[ ]  Defendant pay the sum of $      (+ 5% collection costs) per       to apply against arrearages commencing      , in addition to any previously ordered payments.

[ ]  Enforcement of the support shall be held in abeyance until further order of this Court.

[ ]  Wage withholding be implemented immediately.

[ ]       .

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall advise the Clerk of Court of their current address at all times.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, S.C. Family Court Judge

Custodial Parent (if applicable):