

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING CONTEMPT

Civil contempt proceedings have been filed against you for not paying your court ordered obligation. **Your ability to pay your obligation is a critical issue in determining whether you will be held in contempt.**

It is important that you provide the Court with information about your financial ability to pay so the Court can accurately decide whether you are in contempt or not, and what the purge amount should be if you are in contempt. If you do not provide the Court with this information, you may be found in contempt and placed in jail until you pay a specific sum of money to purge your contempt.

During these contempt proceedings, YOU MUST:

- 1) Appear for all hearings. If you fail to appear, the Court has the power to issue a warrant for your arrest.
- 2) Complete and bring to Court the attached **Financial Affidavit**.

During these contempt proceedings, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- 1) Hire an attorney to represent you.
- 2) Testify about your ability to pay.
- 3) Show the Court evidence about your past and current financial ability to pay, including:
 - Your last 6 paycheck stubs.
 - Your last 2 federal income tax returns with all schedules, exhibits, and forms attached.
 - Proof of any and all income.
 - Proof of assistance such as unemployment insurance benefits, social security income, social security disability, veterans benefits, food stamps, and any other type of assistance. If you have applied for assistance and not received a final decision, bring copies of the application.
 - If you are searching for employment, bring a list of the employers that you have contacted in the last 2 months and the person's name you spoke to.