

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

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DIST. COURT ADMINISTRATOR
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FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUVENILE DIVISION

In re: Disclosure of Kinship or Relative Search Information and Reports

**AMENDED STANDING ORDER
REGARDING KINSHIP OR
RELATIVE SEARCH
INFORMATION AND REPORTS**

To: All counsel for parties seeking disclosure of Relative Search Reports

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §260C.212, subdivision 5, the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department (“Department”) is required to identify relatives of a child who is in need of placement in foster care, and the Department prepares a Relative Search Report, commonly known as a Kinship Report, of all identified relatives and kin; and

WHEREAS, the names and other information on such relatives is private data on individuals, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §13.46, subdivision 2(a); and

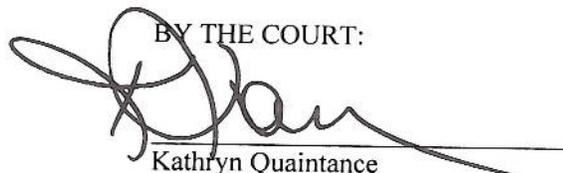
WHEREAS, this Court has the authority to issue a protective order pursuant to Minnesota Statute §260C.171, subdivisions 3 and 5 to protect private data from further disclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Court recognizes that information in the Kinship Report may be pertinent to attorneys representing a party in the child protection proceeding, to Guardians ad Litem, and to authorized representatives from an Indian child’s tribe.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. Kinship or relative search information and reports contained in Department files may be disclosed with discoverable material to attorneys representing a party in the child protection proceeding, to Guardians ad Litem, and to authorized representatives for an Indian child’s tribe.
2. Access to kinship or relative search information and reports is limited to the persons named herein. Access is denied to all other persons, including parents, children, or relatives of children, who are not represented by an attorney, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.
3. Any attorney, Guardian ad Litem, or tribal representative who receives access to kinship or relative search information and reports is prohibited from releasing or disclosing the information or report to a client or any other person, without further order of this Court.
4. The County Attorney’s Office shall make a copy of this order available, upon request, to any party or counsel seeking discovery of a child protection file.

Date: 1/5/10

BY THE COURT:

Kathryn Quaintance
Presiding Judge of District Court
Juvenile Division