STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN SUPREME COURT
C9-85-1134

COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES **ORDER**

Minnesota Statutes section 518.551, subd. 5(k) requires the Supreme Court to change the dollar amount of the income limit for application of the child support guidelines on July 1 of each even numbered year, to reflect changes in the cost of living index. The adjustment to the dollar amount must be made available to courts and the public on or before April 30, 2006.

This statute also requires that the Supreme Court select the index for the cost of living adjustment.

The Court finds that the Minneapolis – St. Paul (CPI-U) is the appropriate index.

Laws 2005, Chapter 164 repeals the current guideline chart codified at Minnesota Statutes section 518.551, subd. 5(b) (2004). Effective January 1, 2007, the new child support guidelines table shall provide an actual dollar amount rather than a percentage amount, for the basic child support obligation as determined by the combined gross income of both parents. Under the new guidelines table the combine parental income limit is $15,000. The Court's Order adjusting the child support guidelines cap to $7,360 will no longer be applicable after December 31, 2006.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Minneapolis – St. Paul (CPI-U) figure for the last half of 2005 shall be used to adjust the child support guidelines.

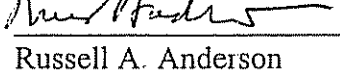
2. That the new dollar amount of the income limit for application of the child support guidelines shall be $7,360.00.

3. The adjustment to the child support guidelines cap shall be effective from July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

4. Effective from January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the combined parental income limit for determining basic child support shall be $15,000, as implemented by Laws 2005, Chapter 164.

DATED: April 13, 2006

BY THE COURT:



Russell A. Anderson
Chief Justice

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