**STATE OF NEW YORK**

**COUNTY OF ONEIDA**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Terrence Vitale, upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am a longtime friend of the petitioner, Ravi Desai, and have been a witness to the relationship between Ravi Desai and his 11-year-old son, Kiram, over the past five years.

2. I was a member of the Desai household, having resided with Ravi, his wife, Lina, and son, Kiram, for a total of eight months in 2025, when I moved to New York from North Carolina.

3. As a witness to the family dynamics in the Desai household, it was apparent Kiram was more connected to his father, Ravi, and turned to him for any needs.

4. My observation of the relationship between Lina Desai an d her son, Kiram, concluded that Lina did not have a strong, loving relationship with her son, often leaving the parenting duties to her husband, Ravi, and ignoring the needs of her son.

5. During my time in the Desai household, Ravi Desai solely tended to his son’s emotional, physical, and mental health needs, and made sure that Kiram was healthy and happy.

6. It is my belief that Ravi Desai would be the best custodial parent for his son, Kiram.

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Terrence Vitale

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of

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Notary Public