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7 IN THE FAMILY DIVISION  
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9 OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA  
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11 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE

12 In the Matter of Paternal Rights  
13 As To,

Case No. FV15-03927

14 TYLER LENNOX,  
15 A Minor Child.

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**AMENDED CASE APPEAL STATEMENT**

1. Appellant, Tonya Meredith.

2. This appeal is from Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order  
Terminating Parental Rights of Tonya Meredith entered on January 30, 2017, by  
the Honorable Egan Walker, district judge.

3. The Appellant is Tonya Meredith, who was represented by Kristine Riley,  
Deputy Washoe County Public Defender in the district court, and is represented in  
this appeal by the Washoe County Public Defender's Office and John Reese Petty,  
Chief Appellate Deputy, 350 South Center Street, 5th Floor, P.O. Box 11130 Reno,  
Nevada 89520-0027, (775) 337-4827.

1           4. The Respondent is Washoe County Department of Social Services  
2 (WCDSS), who was represented in the district court and is represented in this  
3 appeal by Jeffery Martin, Chief Deputy Washoe County District Attorney, Washoe  
4 County District Attorney's Office, One South Sierra Street, 7th Floor, P.O. Box  
5 11130, Reno, Nevada 89520-0027, (775) 337-5751.  
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7           5. Counsel listed above are licensed to practice law in Nevada.

8           6. Appellant was represented by appointed counsel in the district court.

9           7. Appellant is represented by appointed counsel on appeal.

10           8. An Order for the Appointment of Counsel was filed in this action on  
11 November 30, 2015.  
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13           9. The Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed on October 20, 2015.

14           10. WCDSS initiated this action to terminate Tonya Meredith's parental  
15 rights to her son, Tyler Lennox. At a placement hearing Ms. Meredith sought  
16 placement of her son with members of her family who were prepared to take Tyler  
17 and raise him as their own. The family court instead placed Tyler in an adoptive  
18 foster placement. The Supreme Court denied writ review of that placement—  
19 docket number 70931—on the basis that an adequate remedy at law existed (a  
20 right to an appeal following termination of parental rights). This is that appeal.  
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22           11. This case was previously before the Supreme Court in a writ proceeding:  
23 Meredith v. Second Judicial District Court, docket no. 70931.  
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12. This appeal challenges the placement order of the family district court.

13. This appeal does not involve the possibility of settlement, absent a change in Tyler's placement.

The undersigned hereby affirms, pursuant to NRS 239B.030, that this document does not contain the social security number of any person.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2017.

JEREMY T. BOSLER  
WASHOE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

By: /s/ John Reese Petty  
JOHN REESE PETTY, Chief Deputy

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Washoe County Public Defender's Office